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‘Help empower fishing communities to know their rights under the new Small-scale Fisheries Policy’

Photo: Mafaniso Hara

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ABOUT
PLAAS



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The Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS) does research, policy engagement, teaching and training on the dynamics of chronic poverty and structural inequality in Southern Africa.

Our mission emphasises the central importance of the agro-food system in the livelihoods of poor and marginalised people in Southern Africa, as well as its importance in strategies aimed at eradicating poverty. For much of our existence, our work has concentrated heavily on issues of land ownership and tenure, and agricultural livelihoods, but increasingly our focus is broadening to consider the upstream and downstream aspects of agro-food commodity chains, production networks and systems. Key aspects of social policy affecting the dynamics of poverty and inequality in Southern and South Africa are also being taken up in our work.

Within this broad field of investigation, our work focuses on the dynamics of marginalised livelihoods, – particularly livelihoods that are vulnerable, structurally excluded or incorporated into broader economic systems on adverse terms. Another important area of work relates to the social and political dimensions of ecosystem management, in particular fisheries, water and catchment management.



OVERVIEW OF 2014

Staffing

Research Staff

Senior Researchers

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Gillian Kerchhoff, Librarian

Front of House Staff

Ursula Arends, Administrative Manager
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Events Management
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Maria Ndzelen, Student Assistant

Finance Staff

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Faith Qeja, Senior Finance Officer

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Professor Ben Cousins
Professor Renfrew Christie
Professor Kobus Visser
Professor Andries du Toit
Professor Chris Tapscott
Professor Lungisile Ntsebeza
Professor Cheryl Walker

STAFF

23

Staff members in 2014

- 1 Senior Professor
- 1 Professor
- 3 Associate Professors
- 3 Senior Researchers
- 5 Researchers
- 2 Information Brokers
- 5 Front of House staff
- 3 Finance staff

 10 males  13 females

PLAAS had

- 8 African staff
- 7 Coloured staff
- 7 White staff
- 1 Indian staff

RESEARCH

42 
sites in African countries

- 9 Journal articles
- 6 Books
- 9 Book chapters
- 4 Research reports
- 9 Working papers
- 28 Popular publications (including OpEds)
- 50 Blogs

Research countries
Zambia
Zimbabwe
Malawi
Tanzania
Mozambique
Namibia
South Africa
Kenya
Ghana

PLAAS published
65
publications

19 
research projects

- 3 Poverty, Inequality and Vulnerability
- 4 Farming, Agro-food Systems and Agrarian Reform
- 8 Land, Water and Resource Rights
- 4 Social Dimensions of Fisheries and Ecosystem Management



95
research presentations



32
events were hosted

- 18 Seminars
- 3 Special seminars
- 2 Workshops
- 3 Conferences
- 1 Research meeting
- 2 Book launches
- 1 Dialogue
- 2 Green School events

TEACHING

21 graduates

- 13 PG Diploma
- 6 MPhil Coursework
- 2 PhD



POLICY ENGAGEMENT



Engaging government

- 4 Submissions
- 29 Engagements at government events

Media engagement

- 7 TV appearances
- 50 Radio appearances
- 40 Print/online media articles



Social media

- 2049 Tweets
- 634 Facebook updates
- 1164 YouTube video views

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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Very often, in our work at PLAAS, we encounter two common misunderstandings about what it is that we do and why it is important. One common misunderstanding is that we are some sort of technical agricultural education institute, concerned in a general way with improving the productivity of small farmers or supporting processes of rural modernisation. Another is that we are concerned with rural issues, narrowly conceived – addressing the ‘injustices of the past’, or the land rights of distant and isolated rural communities: commercial land-owners versus farm tenants, for example, or ‘traditional leaders’ and people living on communal land. Issues, in other words, that are not of direct relevance to the modern, urban world of Southern Africa’s cities and rapidly changing economies.

These perceptions misunderstand the kind of changes that are coming to rural and urban landscapes in Southern Africa and their impacts on the societies of the region. These involve the far-reaching restructuring of rural and urban landscapes. All over the continent,

powerful corporations – aided and supported by development agencies, national governments and well-connected elites – are reshaping those landscapes and restructuring entire food systems, changing the relationships between farmers, processors and retailers, transforming regulatory and policy agendas, and changing the terms upon which entire populations are included in a rapidly globalising economy.

These changes have the potential for great benefit. In a supportive institutional, regulatory and political context, technical improvement and economic integration can indeed benefit the poor and reduce inequality, in urban as well as rural areas. But if politics and power are ignored, they can also perpetuate poverty and entrench inequality. All too often, large-scale land investments, genetic improvements and market integration create conditions from which only a few benefit, while millions are pushed off the land. Poverty is manufactured at an industrial scale and distributional patterns in society as a whole become ever more exclusionary and unequal.

These are the processes with which PLAAS is concerned. We do globally recognised, cutting-edge research on the ways in which agro-food systems are being restructured in our region and on how these changes in turn shape the distribution of wealth and poverty, benefit and

risk, health and harm in affected populations. We provide information, analysis and advice to change agents in society: this includes government officials and global development agencies, as well as NGOs and community organisations in civil society. We also intervene via the media, supporting a critical and well-informed debate in a public space. And we use our research in our post-graduate teaching: empowering mid-career professionals grappling with complex issues of change and fostering the growth of a new generation of promising young researchers.

For us, 2014 was a challenging and exciting year. In many ways it was an alarming time. At home and abroad, rapid and unequal social and economic change fostered rising levels of conflict and fragmentation, and created a dizzying array of issues and processes – from the approaching end of the ‘Millenium Development Goal’ era, to increasing political manipulation of land reform in South Africa – where in-depth research and careful, reflective analysis was needed. PLAAS was kept very busy indeed! One highlight of the year was our co-hosting the Multi-stakeholder Conference on Agricultural Investment, Gender and Land in Africa (AIGLIA). This was an event of major importance, in which we and our partners sought – successfully – to highlight the gendered impacts of large-scale agricultural commercialisation for policymakers all over the region. Another was our successful participation in the winning bid to host, along with colleagues at UWC’s Institute for Social Development (ISD) and the School of Public Health (SOPH), for a National Centre of Excellence in Food Security. Through participation in this initiative (within which we head up research on value chains and livelihoods) we seek to challenge the narrow orthodoxies of

present-day food security discourse, highlighting the importance of structural poverty and the role of ‘Big Food’ in shaping the food environments of poor people. We continued our support of progressive policies in the Marine Resources Management and fishing sector, and deepened our investigation of the social dimensions of water scarcity and water rights in urban and rural contexts. We graduated 21 students, published or co-published six books and nine accredited journal articles, presented papers at 40 conferences and seminars and 29 policy dialogue events, and granted 57 radio and television events.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and enthusiastic participation of our research and support staff, or, more broadly, the support and assistance of our colleagues in the UWC community. Here, the University’s general support in the form of co-funding of PLAAS’s Deputy Director, Professor Mafaniso Hara, is particularly appreciated. For me, it is a joy to work with such a committed and talented team of people, and a privilege to be able to do this at such a dynamic and vibrant university.



Professor Andries du Toit

‘PLAAS provides information, analysis and advice to change agents in society.’

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014

Appointment of a Deputy Director



Photo: Linda Nemetzik

In 2014, PLAAS appointed a Deputy Director, Associate Professor Mafaniso Hara, to provide strategic, management and administrative support to the Director regarding administrative functions, staff management, policy engagement, publications and communications.

Awards

Associate Professor Mafaniso Hara received the Best Researcher of the Year Award 2014 from the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences (EMS), chosen by the Dean, Professor Kobus Visser.



Photo: Carla Henry

DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Food Security

The Centre of Excellence in Food Security (DST-NRF CoE-FS) was launched on 15 April 2014 and is co-hosted by the Universities of the Western Cape (UWC) and Pretoria (UP). PLAAS was part of the research consortium that bid for the DST-NRF CoE-FS to be hosted at UWC. The DST-NRF CoE-FS focuses on food security, which is part of national government's comprehensive rural development strategy, a priority area related to land and agrarian reform. The CoE-FS is hosted at UWC with Professor Julian May as Director and Professor Sheryl Hendriks (UP) as Co-Director. It is the first DST-NRF Centre of Excellence to be hosted at a historically black university. The CoE-FS recognises that producers, processors,

distributors and consumers are incorporated into the food system under varying terms and returns. It also recognises the economic, social, human and environmental health impacts associated with food security. Its goal is to conduct research, build capacity and disseminate findings that will promote a sustainable food system in South Africa, and its research is concerned with the scale, nature, causes and consequences of food insecurity in South Africa and elsewhere on the African continent. In addition, the CoE-FS will investigate products, technologies, processes and policies that can reduce food insecurity and mitigate its negative outcomes. It will make a difference to food security by linking innovative science to critical enquiry.

Launch of the Southern African Sugar Research Network

The sugar industry has been making big changes in Southern Africa. Over the past two decades, South African and multinational sugar companies have pursued an aggressive investment drive in the region, driven by prospects of improved market access and improved productive conditions. Companies and host governments have promoted sugar's 'rehabilitation' for generating tax and foreign exchange income, as well as opportunities for local services, economic development and employment, but have been accused by critics as presiding over an ongoing 'grab' of large swathes of 'community' and public lands at the expense of poor rural households and migrants, particularly women.

In response, the Future Agricultures Consortium (FAC) and PLAAS initiated a Southern Africa Sugar Research Network, convened at PLAAS by Alex Dubb, Professor Ben Cousins and Associate Professor Ruth Hall. An initial meeting was held on 27-28 February 2014 in Cape Town, and a research sharing meeting was held on 24-25 November 2014 in Johannesburg, where eight papers from seven countries were presented and discussed – they will be going into a special issue of an international journal. For now, we envisage a forum for joint inquiry where insights can be shared and critically evaluated; opportunities to better situate our own particular research sites and areas of interest.

Multi-stakeholder Conference on Agricultural Investment, Gender and Land in Africa (AIGLIA) – Towards inclusive, equitable and socially responsible investment

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), the Future Agricultures Consortium (FAC) and the Land Policy Initiative (LPI) of the African Union, the African Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, jointly organised a multi-stakeholder conference that took place in Cape Town, South Africa on 5-7 March 2014. Assoc Prof Ruth Hall was the lead convenor of the conference from PLAAS and Emmanuel Sulle also served on the organising committee. The conference promoted an open exchange of experiences and evidence on the implications of public and private agricultural investments for rural livelihoods, gender relations and social differentiation. It featured research findings by a range of institutions and networks, documenting

and analysing diverse land-based investments and the related business models, investment partnerships, community impacts and community responses. The conference critically reviewed existing investment practices, as well as relevant policy and institutional set-ups in order to identify good and bad practices, promising strategies, approaches and policy measures that can be promoted and adapted to national contexts to foster inclusive, equitable and socially responsible investment that respects the rights of local communities and promotes economic growth within a framework of social and gender equality. We have made available numerous blogs and videos online, as well as the Conference Report. Go to <http://www.plaas.org.za/event/AIGLIA2014> to find out more.

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Launch of Young African Researchers in Agriculture (YARA) Network

The Young African Researchers in Agriculture (YARA) Network was officially launched by Dr Joan Kagwanja, Chief of the Land Policy Initiative of the African Union, African Development Bank and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (AU/AfDB/UNECA) on the sideline of the Inaugural Land Policy in Africa Conference on 13 November 2014. The network is being co-ordinated by PLAAS Researcher Cyriaque Hakizimana.

YARA brings together young and early-career African researchers in agriculture in order to cultivate a culture of mutual support, information sharing, networking and research collaboration, all of which contribute towards enhancing research capacity in agriculture on the African continent. The key objectives of the network are to coordinate, sustain, shape and orient the research work, particularly undertaken by young and early-career African researchers, to provide input to policy development processes that will ensure that the long-term interests of rural young people in Africa are not compromised by current and future agricultural development priorities. The network, consisting of 40 members from 19 countries, recently convened a panel at

the AU/AfDB/UNECA Inaugural Conference on Land Policy in Africa and several members will present their work at the World Bank Land Policy Conference in Washington DC in March 2015.

The network undertakes the following activities to fulfil the abovementioned agenda:

- Publishing various academic outputs such as research papers, working papers, books, blogs and so forth.
- Organising conferences, seminars and panels at the academic and policy conferences to engage vigorously in the debates on issues of common interest for our network. For instance, we have presented in total 8 excellent academic papers in this conference, and we may be the most represented network academically in this conference.
- Organising writing workshops to sharpen and optimise the human capital development of the members of the network.
- Mobilising research funding for short- and long-term research projects on the implications of agricultural developments in Africa, with a particular focus on rural young people.

YARA brings together young and early-career African researchers in agriculture

Launch of a Handbook for Fishing Communities in South Africa

On 15 May 2014 we launched the Small-scale fisheries (SSF) Policy: A Handbook for Fishing Communities in South Africa. The launch took place in Ocean View Community Centre, with more than 150 people in attendance – mainly local fishers and fishers from other coastal provinces, fisheries officials, World Wildlife Fund representatives, researchers, a Member of Parliament and media representatives. The book is a resource to help empower fishing communities to know their rights under the new Small-Scale Fisheries Policy. The handbook outlines in plain language the key aspects of the policy. The handbook comes in

the four main languages of coastal communities in South Africa: English, Afrikaans, isiZulu and isiXhosa. Co-produced by Masifundise, PLAAS and Too Big to Ignore, this handbook is an invaluable guide for anyone working in the small-scale fisheries sector. The launch was chaired by Masifundise Trust Director, Naseegh Jaffer, and included a keynote address by PLAAS's Associate Professor Moenieba Isaacs, and talks by fisheries activist, Mr Andy Johnston, the Chief Director of Marine Resource Management, Mr Saasha Pheeha and Ms Solene Smith from Coastal Links.



Photo: Reza Kasu

International Conference: Green Economy in the South – Negotiating Environmental Governance, Prosperity and Development

This three-day conference, held in Dodoma, Tanzania, brought together researchers from the north and south, all investigating the impacts of green economy activities on local communities and their livelihoods. Emmanuel Sulle led the PLAAS contribution at the conference.

Economies are growing and ‘green economic initiatives’ are part of these changes: carbon payments, ecotourism, community-based wildlife management, corporate social responsibility initiatives and offsets by mining companies exploiting new resources. While many such projects have the potential to contribute to economic growth in southern countries, some have led to land and

water grabbing, displacement and alienation of resources required for wealthy tourists, bitter local conflicts over the locally-defined rules of access to carbon (e.g. firewood) purchased by wealthy northerners, green washing and other harmful activities that either cause poverty or else distribute the fortune and misfortune of the green economy inequitably. The conference provided rich case studies of green economic activities from, for example, Costa Rica, Indonesia, India, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Mozambique and South Africa. Many examples showed that, despite the supposed green intentions of many projects, the way they are structured can lead to the expropriation of benefits from the receiving countries to the ‘Global North’.



Photo: Rebecca Pointer

Making Agricultural Investment Work in Africa: a Parliamentarian's Response to the Land Rush

Since 2011, PLAAS has worked in cooperation with the Pan African Parliament (PAP) and several regional parliaments on a campaign to raise awareness about large-scale investment in land, entitled Making Agricultural Investment Work for Africa: A Parliamentarian's Response to the Land Rush. African countries and institutions such as the African Union, African Development Bank, UN Economic Commission for Africa, New Partnership for Africa's Development, the Land Policy Initiative and others, have clearly recognised the urgent need to increase public and private investment in the agricultural sector to improve food security and rural livelihoods. The southern regional meeting, jointly organised by the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF), was the last of the series.

The event included a Southern African Regional Parliamentary Seminar and a Speakers' Conference. The event resulted in the Draft Declaration: Agricultural Investment and the Land Rush from the Pan African Parliament. Several blogs were produced about the event, with some parliamentarians declaring that there should be a moratorium on large-scale land and agricultural investment in Africa.



Photo: Rebecca Pointer



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International Seminar on Agrarian Transformations, Land and Development in the BRICS countries

The BRICS Initiative for Critical Agrarian Studies (BICAS) held an international seminar on 5–6 May with organisations from China, Africa, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and the Netherlands. This seminar looked at land, food and labour in the BRICS countries; land and regional agrarian transformations from BRICS's perspectives; agrarian transformations in and from the BRICS; land, food and agrarian transformations in and from the BRICS perspectives; and agrarian transformations and the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for land. Speakers included Prof Henry Bernstein, Prof Saturnino (Jun) Borras Jr, Prof Sérgio Schneider, Prof Ben Cousins, Assoc Prof Ruth Hall, Prof Antônio Pasquetti, Prof Ye Jingzhong and others.



Land Reform, Agriculture and Rural Development in South Africa: Policy Training Course for Parliamentarians

Associate Professor Ruth Hall and Professor Ben Cousins conducted a training course for parliamentarians of the National Assembly Portfolio Committees on Rural Development and Land Reform, and Agriculture, Forestry

and Fisheries, and National Council of Provinces Select Committee on Land and Environment; at the OR Tambo Protea Hotel in Johannesburg on 25–26 September 2014.

Green Leadership School Pilot Project

The objective of the Green Leadership School, led by Dr Darlene Miller, was to revisit the objectives of social transformation in relation to land, energy, food, gender, media, environmental justice and political activism. The innovative aspect of this training programme was its focus on the body as a central instrument in social transformation.

The Green Schools developed as ‘living labs’ for a critique of the current ‘moral regeneration’ campaign of the South African state. Dismissing the ‘chiding’ approach to leadership – or what we termed ‘nanny leaders’ – our environmentalism embodied a holistic approach that embraces indigenous knowledge systems, African environmentalism and alternative leadership styles. The Green Schools were thus a ‘green experiment’ on alternative and ‘green leadership’ in a regional African context of leadership failure. The Green School workshop was aimed at local and regional leaders from universities, NGOs and CBOs. We believe that the work participants had already done on social justice issues made participants potential ‘green leaders’. During the course of the year, three different programmes

were conducted, including a facilitator’s school (Winter School) in Stellenbosch, the first participants’ school (Spring School) in Stellenbosch and the second participants’ school (Summer School) in Coffee Bay.

The School’s themes broadly focused on the environment and climate with substantive foci on: Nature and Indigeneity; Food and Land; and Green Leadership. Participants in the school programme expressed profound change as a result of the curriculum, which used conventional lectures, alongside working in gardening projects, dance, storytelling and meditation, as well as a traditional Xhosa opening ceremony at the event in Coffee Bay.



GREEN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

RESEARCH PROJECTS

PLAAS researchers examine how rights and access are mitigating or aggravating poverty and inequality alleviation in South Africa, in Southern Africa and elsewhere in Africa. Large-scale investments in land, water and fishing are touted by some as vital to growth – yet others point to the risks of loss of access to land and other natural resources, often aggravating poor livelihood circumstances and negatively impacting on household food security.

At the same time the agro-food system is becoming increasingly concentrated, often with detrimental effects on inclusive growth and opportunities for small farmers and entrepreneurs.

Our research seeks to speak to these issues and examines how land, natural resources and the agro-food system can better support efforts to alleviate poverty and inequality.



Land Reform, Food Systems and Agrarian Change in South Africa

The Department of Science and Technology/National Research Foundation (DST/NRF) Research Chair, Professor Ben Cousins, has initiated this five-year research programme and established a research group of post-graduate students and post-doctoral research fellows. It runs from 2010 to 2015. The group aims to identify processes of socioeconomic change underway in the South African countryside that influence the outcomes and impacts of land and agrarian reform, and explores the impacts of policies and programmes on agricultural productivity, agrarian structure and rural poverty. Findings from the research group show that one of the key impacts is deepened social differentiation in the countryside, along with a growing fragmentation of both livelihood strategies and social organisation.

In 2014 one MPhil and two PhD students graduated, and some students published journal articles, research reports or working papers. Professor Cousins published one book chapter and seven popular articles and policy briefs, and presented nineteen papers in conferences, workshops and seminars. He also helped to organise and facilitate a policy dialogue workshop on small-scale agriculture, as part of the Third Carnegie Inquiry on Strategies to Overcome Poverty and Inequality.

FUNDER: DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY/NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (DST/NRF)



Supporting Smallholders into Commercial Agriculture: A Social Dialogue and Learning Project



Photo: Adetola Okunlola

This project developed an understanding of the challenges facing small-scale and emergent black farmers in accessing commercial markets, and the potential for partnership with corporate and established private sector players. The project was implemented in close collaboration with the Southern African Food Lab, a social dialogue initiative that brings together role players in the South African food system to engage in a process of social learning about food system change. Additional funding is also provided by the Andrew W Mellon Foundation, which supports the scholarships for PhD students with a view to strengthening critical agrarian studies in South Africa. This project started in January 2012 and will conclude in December 2016.

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The Future Agricultures Consortium (FAC) Land Theme

This set of field-based studies explored the implications of large-scale land deals in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique and Congo. The focus of the research was on the politics of policy underlying transnational commercial land deals in Africa, how these are structured and governed, and their local impact on people in the affected areas. During 2014, we completed these studies and compiled a book manuscript entitled *Africa's Land Rush: Rural Livelihoods and Agrarian Change*, which has been accepted for publication by James Currey Publishers and will be available in late 2015. Associate Professor Ruth Hall was the principal investigator on the project.

**FUNDER: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL-DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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'Connecting agricultural development and non-farm rural employment'

Photo: David Neves



Space, Markets and Employment in Agricultural Development (SMEAD)

This project seeks to explore the connections between agricultural development and non-farm rural employment. It examines the economic, institutional and spatial articulation of markets and employment in three Southern African countries (South Africa, Zimbabwe and Malawi), to create a clearer picture of how agriculture can support diverse local economies and broad-based economic growth. The project generated a number of outputs in 2014, including blogs, documentaries and radio and television coverage.

The research has found significant differences across the three country contexts. In Malawi, research examined both smallholder farmers and the larger commercial estates, and found dense local linkages with agriculture stimulating the (albeit often modest) local economy and employment. In contrast, the South African research site shows a concentrated agricultural economy with fairly modest local economic and employment impacts, making for a trajectory of development, where agriculture is often disconnected from the local rural economy. Finally, the Zimbabwean case lies somewhere between the Malawian and South African extremes. The presence of smaller-scale producers has reconfigured much of the rural economy; we found that smallholder vegetable or cattle farming creates dense local linkages, while tobacco is sold to distant buyers, creating some seasonal local liquidity but fewer local linkages.

The research underscores the importance of space, the place of finance and capital, as well as the very different trajectories of agricultural development, which in turn creates very different opportunities for employment. As the project draws to its conclusion, these findings are being synthesised and are to be disseminated in 2015. The project, led by Professors Andries du Toit, Ben Cousins and Ian Scoones (IDS, University of Sussex), runs from 2012 to 2015.

FUNDER: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL-DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ESRC-DFID)



Land and Agricultural Commercialisation in Africa (LACA)

Debates continue among policymakers and academics about the relative merits of large and small farms, their implications for labour absorption and growth in Africa's farm sector, and the preferred pathways to land and agricultural commercialisation. Recent transnational investments in commercial agriculture have prompted the resurgence of large-scale agriculture in the form of plantations or large estates. Some countries have promoted commercialisation in specific regions, aiming to attract local and foreign commercial farmers as pioneers to build a commercial farming sector. Concerns about exclusion or displacement of rural smallholders in favour of large-scale commercial farming have prompted policy attention towards inclusive farming models, and specifically contract farming or 'out-grower' schemes.

This project asks: How does the restructuring of agro-food systems, resulting from land and agricultural commercialisation, affect agrarian economies and livelihoods in Africa? Can new land and agricultural commercialisation initiatives be used as opportunities to promote growth and reduce poverty and inequality in developing countries? If so, how? What are the best and worst models? Which sets of institutional arrangements between investors and local smallholders provide the best opportunities for benefit sharing and for synergies between large and small farms?

This three-year project (from 2012 to 2015) is being conducted in Ghana, Kenya and Zambia, with three research sites in each country and with academic counterparts from universities in these countries. After an initial phase of qualitative fieldwork across the nine study sites, we conducted a quantitative household questionnaire, captured the data and conducted an initial analysis. Associate Professor Ruth Hall is the principal investigator on the project.

FUNDER: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL-DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ESRC-DFID)

'Merits of large and small farms in Africa's farm sector'



Photo: Cyriaque Hakizimana



Commercialisation of Land and ‘Land Grabbing’: Implications for Land Rights and Livelihoods in Southern Africa

This project was conceived as a response to widespread concerns about the ‘land grab’ phenomenon in sub-Saharan Africa, and the dearth of grounded studies to understand how these deals are structured, who facilitates them, how local people respond and the degree to which protection of land rights in existing policy and legislation is adequate to safeguard the interests of poor land users in the face of pressures towards commercialisation, in which governments and urban elites are often actively involved. The project aims, through action research, to explore ways of either halting or leveraging better terms for communities in the context of large-scale land acquisitions, so as to protect people living on public and customary lands in Southern Africa from dispossession, and enable them to shape decisions concerning the use and transaction of their land.

Through partnerships with civil society organisations in Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the project is documenting and seeking to influence the processes of engagement between investors, national states, local authorities and local communities, to develop recommendations for policy, and to inform advocacy in national, regional, continental and global contexts. It does so by invoking FAO and African Union guidelines on land deals. The project duration is from 2012 to 2015, with an ongoing emphasis on dissemination and engagement with a wide spectrum of actors on the basis of research findings. During 2014, project partners conducted fieldwork and prepared research reports, policy briefs and inputs towards a book of testimonials from people living in communities affected by land deals or where deals are currently under negotiation. We also disseminated information via the Pan African Parliament and the African Union’s Land Policy Initiative. Associate Professor Ruth Hall and Dr Darlene Miller are the principal investigators on the project.

FUNDER: AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



Securing Land Rights in Urban, Rural and Small Towns in South Africa

This book project seeks to provide an analysis of land tenure systems in a variety of contexts in South Africa (urban and rural areas, and small towns), together with proposals on how to ensure that land rights can be secured in law, policy and practice. The book combines theory, practical experience, case studies and life experiences. PLAAS researcher, Professor Ben Cousins is one of the editorial team, together with Lauren Royston, Rosalie Kingwill and Donna Hornby, who are members of the Legal Entity Assessment

Project (LEAP). LEAP is a voluntary association of researchers and practitioners who explore, learn about and recommend appropriate land tenure arrangements in urban and rural contexts in South Africa. Publication of the book is expected to be in 2015.

FUNDERS: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE (IDRC) and URBAN LANDMARK



Baseline and Scoping Study on the Development and Sustainable Utilisation of Storage Dams for Inland Fisheries and their Contribution to Rural Livelihoods

This 4-year baseline and scoping study commenced in April 2010 and ended in March 2014. The study arose against the backdrop of increasing pressure for government to effectively address the persisting challenge of rural poverty, inequality and unemployment, and a recognised need to unlock the socioeconomic potential of South African inland fisheries. Collaborating institutions included Rhodes University, the Institute for Poverty Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape) and the South African Institute of Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB). Two PLAAS post-graduate students received capacity-building bursaries from this project. The study found that inland fisheries contribute to the livelihoods, food security and employment of many rural women and men in South African informal economies but this sub-sector remains largely invisible and under-valued. Furthermore, the study identified a number of dams with significant potential to enhance rural livelihoods through the sustainable development of inland fisheries. In light of these findings, the study recommended further in-depth research to assess the stocking and harvesting potential of two selected dams, as well as develop specific guidelines for pro-poor market value chains, effective governance and equitable co-management arrangements. Two volumes of the final report were produced, published and will be launched by the Water Research Commission (WRC) and collaborating partners in June 2015. PLAAS researchers Dr Barbara Tapela and Associate Professor Mafaniso Hara have worked on this project, whose final report has been published by the Water Research Commission.

FUNDER: WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION (WRC)



'Is the consumption of good-quality nutrition from fish protein by poor people compromised by the high demand from wealthy consumers?'

Photo: Mafaniso Hara



Too Big to Ignore (TBTI): Global Partnership for the Future of Small-Scale Fisheries

This research project seeks to enhance the understanding of the real contribution of small-scale fisheries to food security, nutrition, sustaining livelihoods, poverty alleviation, wealth generation and trade, as well as the impacts and implications of global change processes such as urbanisation, globalisation, migration, climate change, aquaculture and communication technology on small-scale fisheries. The project, which runs from 2012 to 2018, aims to create an innovative and interactive platform to elevate the small-scale fisheries profile in national and global policy discussions, and to build local and global capacity for the future of small-scale fisheries. Associate Professor Moenieba Isaacs is part of the steering committee of the project, is the African regional co-ordinator and is also leading the research cluster on how important fish as food is for human nutrition.

FUNDER: SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL IN CANADA



Fish for whom? Required nutrition for the poor or luxury consumption for the wealthy? Can small-scale fisheries supply to both consumers?

Led by Associate Professor Moenieba Isaacs and Paul Onyango, this project investigates how poor people's consumption of good-quality nutrition from fish protein is compromised by the high demand for high-quality fish protein from wealthy consumers in the developed world (particularly the United States, Europe and Japan). There are trade-offs between meeting the nutritional needs of the poor fishers and meeting the demands of the wealthy, which require a governance system that is responsive to the needs and aspirations of the poor while at the same time remaining conscious of the demands of the wealthy. The ongoing study is collecting data in South Africa and Tanzania. The study aims: to examine the governance processes of the existing community value chain in contributing to food security and livelihoods; to analyse the various stages in the small-scale fisheries value chain and who the participants in the chain are at various stages, as well as where their fish go; and to determine the role that small-scale fisheries play in the food security of local communities through assessing their purchasing and consumption practices in small-scale fisher communities. Value chain governance will be contextualised within the interactive governance framework and the relevance of food security in the food system for understanding the politics of the food system and food quality. The study also explores the role that mobile technology can play in securing sustainable small-scale fisheries for the poor.

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A Rapid Integrated Assessment and Decision Support Tool to Respond to Global Environmental Change in Coastal Regions

Ecosystem change is happening at a rate faster than predicted, impacting the livelihoods of coastal peoples globally and precipitating the need for a timely and effective response to global change. While knowledge about best practices in coping and adaptation has emerged from experiences around the world, countries still struggle with ways to enhance community resilience and reduce their vulnerability. The complexity of the ecosystem and the multitude of challenges make it difficult to know what natural and social attributes foster resilience and what factors limit success. This project proposes to develop a rapid integrated assessment decision support tool (ADApT: Assessment from Description, Appraisal and Typology) based on a global database of case studies, taking into account the highly inter-connected natural and human systems of today. It will enable decision-makers and local actors to triage and improve their response to global change, to make decisions efficiently for transitions towards coastal sustainability, and to evaluate the most effective investment of funds to 'reduce' vulnerability and enhance the resilience of coastal peoples to global change.

A comparative case study approach of coastal vulnerability and adaptation to global change forms the foundations of this study. The study asks: 'How are approaches in different locations or situations applicable or transferable?' The Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry Ecosystem Research Human Dimensions (IMBER) working group, comprised of international natural and social scientists, has developed inter-disciplinary working relationships towards the development of the fully functional ADAPt tool. The consortium has complementary knowledge, expertise and research experience, and the range of case studies they contribute to build ADAPt will provide insight into the human-ocean system in coastal regions. Associate Professor Moenieba Isaacs is the co-chair of this working group.

FUNDER: INTEGRATED MARINE BIOGEOCHEMISTRY ECOSYSTEM RESEARCH (IMBER)



Institutional and Organisational Arrangements for Consumer Oriented Community Based Aquaculture in South Africa

Since the mid-1990s, when global capture fisheries production started to level off, aquaculture has been the engine for the increase in fish production. Since then, aquaculture's contribution to global total fish production has risen steadily. Most of this growth is happening in China and Southeast Asia. In this context, aquaculture presents great potential for growth in fish production in South Africa, given that most of the commercial capture fisheries species are already being exploited at their maximum sustainable yield levels. For poor rural and urban communities, aquaculture presents an opportunity for increased

food security and income. There is space, therefore, for Community Based Aquaculture (CBA) that involves communities. The development of CBA will need to be market based (consumer oriented), requiring the investigation of potential markets and appropriate products, value chain governance and other marketing issues. In addition, aquaculture is highly technical and capital intensive, so development needs to be cognisant of the skills and investment requirements for successful CBA. This project aims to provide the fisheries branch of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) with evidence-based recommendations on workable and appropriate institutional and organisational arrangements for consumer-oriented sustainable CBA for South Africa. Associate Professor Mafaniso Hara is the principal investigator.

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Dealing with Land Tenure and Tenancy Challenges in Water and Sanitation Services delivery in South Africa: Policy Options and Opportunities

Rapid urbanisation in post-apartheid South Africa has given rise to the mushrooming of informal settlements and the prevalence of informal tenancy in low and middle income residential areas. There are also emerging informal innovative strategies by which water users 'help themselves' to services, and such strategies are as yet poorly understood. Such developments contribute to the stressing of existing infrastructural and institutional capacity for effective water and sanitation services delivery. The stress continues to play out in an unprecedented burgeoning of post-1994 violent social protests. Since 2012, water and sanitation service delivery issues have increasingly risen in prominence among various reasons cited for protests. Amid a complexity of cited reasons, there seem to be strong linkages between land tenure, tenancy, and water and sanitation services delivery. Key issues revolve around municipal and plot-level governance, 'informality' and 'formalisation' of tenure and tenancy, capital investment in infrastructure and cost recovery mechanisms. This three-year project, which began in April 2014, begins by characterising the mix of urban and rural land tenure and tenancy arrangements within and outside the ambit of the formal registry system in selected low and middle income residential areas. The study also examines the patterns of access to water and sanitation services within this mix, as well as the relationship between tenure security, tenancy, and investment in water and sanitation services in selected rural and urban areas. PLAAS researchers Dr Barbara Tapela, Lesego Loate and Bukiwe Ntwana are working on this project.

FUNDER: WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION (WRC)



Water Service Delivery and Social Protests in South Africa

This three-year project emerged in 2012 amid growing concerns within the water sector regarding the extent to which unresolved water services delivery issues contributed to the escalation of violent and non-violent protests across South Africa in the post-apartheid era. Key questions revolved around developing a clear understanding of the nature of the protests, grievance issues, key drivers and pathways by which grievances developed into various repertoires of contention and stakeholder roles in protest mobilisation and organisation. Earlier observations had been that protests were associated with the disjuncture between local authorities, who are legally mandated to ensure sound delivery of water services, and citizens, who require and use water at the 'downstream' local levels. This project therefore sought to develop an evaluation framework for pre-empting protests, which viewed protests in terms of the National Constitution and water services delivery in terms of the underlying ethos of the South African water policy. The pre-emption objective for the study was divorced from any possible agenda to unconstitutionally repress protests. Using a combination of Protest Events Analysis (PEA) and mapping, literature review, in-depth research, rapid appraisals and stakeholder and policy engagement, this project has been finalised. A research report publication by the Water Research Commission (WRC) is envisaged. PLAAS researchers Dr Barbara Tapela and Bukiwe Ntwana have worked on this project, with some assistance from Lesego Loate. The final report has been accepted for publication by the Water Research Commission.

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Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Gender and Market Value Chains



Photo: Barbara Tapela

Rural women and men have planted and harvested crops in and around water-linked ecosystems, deriving limited or no market value. They have also harvested natural resources, such as fish, reeds and wild vegetables, without exchanging these in the monetised markets. More recently, there have been shifts away from subsistence to commercialised ways of utilising natural resources and producing agro-foods. Small-scale producers are encouraged to participate in market value chains (MVCs) and thereby become integrated into mainstream agro-food systems and other coordinated commodity chains. Conversely, small-scale producers may themselves exert pressure

from below to become more actively involved in MVCs as a means to overcoming their own challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality. There are policy concerns about the possible negative effects of value chain penetration on gendered livelihoods, indigenous knowledge and ecological integrity in affected traditional rural communities. This three-year study, which began in April 2014, addresses concerns about the resilience of vulnerable water-linked ecosystems, as well as the need for policy interventions to ensure that value chains are pro-poor, gender-sensitive and cognisant of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS). PLAAS researcher Dr Barbara Tapela is the principal investigator on this project.

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Livelihoods Resilience to Climate Change Vulnerability in the Olifants Basin (RESILIM)

The Olifants River Catchment is the largest contributor to the Limpopo River Basin. Most rivers in the catchment continue to be degraded, both in quality and quantity. The key drivers of degradation include a rapid increase in mining, irrigated agriculture, industrialisation and weak governance. When these combine with climate change, rural poverty and food insecurity, they have the potential to increase livelihoods vulnerability and environmental degradation, and intensify conflicts over the Basin's resources. Although much work has been done on the Olifants River Catchment, efforts have not been synthesised and coordinated to achieve sustainability, livelihoods security and resilience. The Resilience in the Limpopo Basin (RESILIM) programme aims to address these issues, by undertaking a scoping and planning project for systems resilience at catchment level, by implementing priority assessments and activities under three main RESILIM objectives: i) reducing vulnerability to climate change; ii) conserving biodiversity and ecosystems; and iii) building stakeholder capacity to undertake and sustain the two objectives.

The overarching project aim is to reduce vulnerability by building improved transboundary governance and management of the Olifants River Catchment to enhance the resilience of its people and ecosystems through systemic and social learning approaches. PLAAS is involved in the project by undertaking a 'livelihoods assessment' of (especially poor and vulnerable) residents of the Olifants Basin in South Africa and Mozambique, to better understand their dependency on water-related ecosystems services. Associate Professor Mafaniso Hara is the PLAAS principal investigator.

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Farm Workers' Living and Working Conditions in South Africa: Key trends, emergent issues, and underlying and structural problems

This project aims to develop a better understanding of issues impacting on workers and on security of tenure in the commercial farming sector. It is headed up by Margareet Visser (UCT) and Dr Stuart Ferrer (UKZN), with Professor Andries du Toit (PLAAS) playing an advisory role.

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Lone Mothers in South Africa – The role of social security in respecting and protecting dignity

The project was inspired by research undertaken for the South African Department of Social Development (DSD) about attitudes to employment and social security. During the fieldwork for that programme of research, participants in focus groups repeatedly made the unprompted point that poverty eroded their sense of dignity. Given that the South African Constitution declares that people have inherent dignity and that dignity should be protected and respected, this project sought to explore the role that social security currently plays in relation to people's sense of dignity. Specifically it explored whether social assistance, as a financial transfer to low-income people (specifically single mothers), serves to help protect and respect people's dignity, or, conversely, whether there are ways in which the country's social security arrangements serve to undermine people's dignity. The project was completed in December 2014 and a number of outputs were published, including an overall project report, working papers and policy briefs (listed later in this report).

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20. *Loate, L. (2014) Does Global Civil Society Participation in Multilateral Institutions Have Potential?* Another Countryside blog, 17 July 2014.
21. *Loate, L. (2014) The Langa Housing Delivery Protest: When the Realities of a Broken Countryside Come to the City.* Another Countryside blog, 18 July 2014.
22. *Loate, L. (2014) C20 Summit a Missed Opportunity for Global Civil Society.* Another Countryside blog, 21 July.
23. *Loate, L. (2014) Communal Land Tenure Policy: The Coercive Use of Land for the Creation of Voting Blocks?* Another Countryside blog, 19 September 2014.
24. *Mbaya, S. (2014) Land investments in Africa: It's all about responsible governance.* Another Countryside blog, 4 March.
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26. *Miller, D., Phiri, D., Katebe, C., Kerchhoff, G., Mazeze, M., Musongole, G. (2014) Zambian villagers 'hindering development' by resisting Canadian mining company?* Another Countryside blog, 25 April 2014.
27. *Neves, D. (2014). Agricultural development and the local: The case of South Africa.* Local First Blog, 16 January 2014.
28. *Okali, C. (2014) Replicating and scaling up agricultural investment models: Ways forward for achieving gender equitable agricultural commercialisation?* Another Countryside blog, 7 March 2014.
29. *Osorio, M. (2014) Innovation and commitment needed to foster gender-equitable, inclusive land and*

- agricultural investment*. Another Countryside blog, 14 April 2014.
30. Ouma, B. (2014) *Agricultural investments: Giving back power to the people*. Another Countryside blog, 5 March 2014.
 31. Ouma, B. (2014) *Doing business with farmers: Is there a good model?* Another Countryside Blog, 6 March 2014.
 32. Paradza, G. and Sulle, E. (2014) *Engaging parliamentarians on large scale land investments in Africa*, Another Countryside blog, 15 August 2014.
 33. Pointer, R. (2014) *Even investors don't usually benefit from large scale land deals*, Another Countryside blog, 5 March 2014.
 34. Pointer, R. (2014) *Gender a political football in agricultural investment*, Another Countryside blog, 6 March 2014.
 35. Pointer, R. (2014) *Power and ideology are the keys to communicating research*, Politics & Ideas blog, 1 April 2014.
 36. Pointer, R. (2014) *Whose green economy? Ecotourism, exclusion and enclosure*, Green Economy in the South blog, 8 July 2014.
 37. Pointer, R. (2014) *'Ceasefire capitalism and community resistance: tensions in the green economy'*, Green Economy in the South blog, 9 July 2014.
 38. Pointer, R. (2014) *A culture of extraction and exclusion: How philanthropy impoverishes the vulnerable*, Green Economy in the South blog, 10 July 2014.
 39. Pointer, R. (2014) *Getting policy makers to hear community voices*, Politics & Ideas blog, 29 July 2014.
 40. Pointer, R. (2014) *Food availability doesn't always enhance food security*, Another Countryside blog, 12 August 2014.
 41. Pointer R. (2014) *Tackling land questions: Searching for systematic solutions amid a web of politics*. Another Countryside blog, 13 November 2014.
 42. Pointer, R. (2014) *Challenging misconceptions: Inclusive agricultural economies already exist in Africa*. Another Countryside blog, 18 November 2014.
 43. Pointer, R. (2014) *New documentaries telling promising stories about Zimbabwe land reform*. Another Countryside blog, 9 December 2014.
 44. Pointer, R. (2014) *A culture of extraction and exclusion: How philanthropy impoverishes the vulnerable*. Green Economy in the South blog, 10 July 2014.
 45. Rocca, V. (2014) *Competing narratives on sustainable agriculture: what is the future that women want?* Another Countryside blog, 19 March 2014.
 46. Smalley, R. (2014) *Tanzania's commuter farmers facing livelihoods challenges*. Another Countryside blog, 25 March 2014.
 47. Sulle, E. (2014) *Our husbands are no different from investors*. Another Countryside blog, 6 March 2014.
 48. Sulle, E., Thiem, M. and Muduva, T. (2014) *Raising awareness of land rights necessary for rural Namibians*. Another Countryside blog, 23 April 2014.
 49. Sulle, E. (2014) *What parliamentarians say about land-based investments in Africa*. Another Countryside blog, 15 August 2014.
 50. Sulle, E. (2014) *'Inclusive business model? The case of sugarcane in Tanzania.'* Talking Land. Seattle: Landesa.
 51. Van Koppen, B. (2014) *Water for grab*. Another Countryside blog, 7 March 2014.

Conference, Workshop and Seminar Papers Presented

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

1. Cousins, Ben, 'Forging alliances for sustainable agricultural growth: the future of smallholder farmers and farm workers in South Africa'. ICCO workshop on smallholder farmers and farm worker livelihoods, Roodeplaat, 3 June 2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Cousins, Ben. 'Agrarian change in South Africa 1994-2014', invited presentation, BICAS international conference on *Agrarian Transformations, Land and Development in the BRICS countries*, University of Brasilia, Brasilia, Brazil, 6 May 2014.
2. Cousins, Ben. 'Conceptual clarity is vital: what do we mean by key terms such as "smallholders" and "commercial farmers"?' Invited panellist, 'The future of African agriculture', conference on *African Futures*, University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany, 12 June 2014.
3. Cousins, B. 'Rethinking agrarian reform in South Africa', presentation to a conference on *Reflections on South Africa's Agrarian Questions after 20 years of Democracy*, Centre for African Studies, University of Cape Town, 14 August 2014.
4. Cousins, B. "'Through a glass, darkly": towards agrarian reform in South Africa', presentation to a colloquium on *Democracy, Land and Liberation in Africa Today: Bridging Past and Present Scholarship*, Centre for African Studies, UCT and PLAAS, UWC, at University of Cape Town, 20 October 2014.
5. Dobb, A. (2014) 'Cane, Class and Capital: the rise and decline of small-scale sugarcane production in the remaking of a national sugar regime,' *Reflections on South Africa's Agrarian Questions after 20 years of democracy*, Centre for African Studies, UCT, 15 August 2014.
6. Du Toit, A. (2014) 'The politics of evidence and poverty discourse'. *NRF SARCHI Workshop, Poverty reduction, development value and future research*. University of KwaZulu-Natal, 18–20 June 2014.
7. Du Toit, A. (2014) 'Agrarian Policy and Rural Livelihoods: responding to poverty and inequality'. Presented at SANI Launch, President Hotel, Bantry Bay, 26 June 2014.
8. Du Toit, A (2014) 'Rural Development: responding to poverty and inequality'. *IJR discussion on Land reform, Women and Livelihoods*. Cape Town Lodge, 23 July 2014.
9. Du Toit, A. (2014) Panellist. 'Health Inc Research: Exploring social exclusion as a determinant of social health protection', Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, CTICC, Cape Town, 30 September–3 October 2014.
10. Du Toit, A. (2014) Panellist. 'Social Exclusion: A Framework For Evaluating Social Health Protection,' *Towards equitable coverage and more inclusive social protection in health*. Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium, 28–9 October 2014.
11. Du Toit, A. (2014) Respondent. 'CAADP Policy Briefs'. *Economic Justice Network (EJN of FOCCISA) Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme Research Report and Policy Briefs Launch Event* IDASA Democracy Centre, Cape Town, 14 October 2014.
12. Du Toit, A. (2014) Panellist. 'Implications Of Health Inc For National Universal Health Coverage Policies: Key Messages and Challenges Ahead,' *Towards equitable coverage and more inclusive social protection in health*. Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium, 28–9 October 2014.
13. Du Toit, A. (2014) Chronic poverty and social

- exclusion in Africa: The way forward. Community Law Centre. *Colloquium on Poverty And Human Rights In Africa*, 27 November 2014.
14. Hakizimana, C. (2014) Panellist. “It is like waiting for the rain in a dry season”: Assessing the Impacts of the Failure of Intergenerational Land Transfers on Rural Youth in East Africa’, 2014 Conference on Land Policy in Africa: The Next Decade of Land Policy in Africa: Ensuring Agricultural Development and Inclusive Growth, 11-14 November 2014, African Union Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
 15. Hall, Ruth (2014) Commodification of the African Commons: Discursive competition over the ‘land grab’ and over defining alternatives. Conference on Property Rights from Below: Rethinking Property Rights over Land. Michigan Institute for Technology and University of Louvain. Cambridge, MA (USA). 28 February–1 March 2014.
 16. Hall, Ruth (2014) Does bringing the state back in help? Bureaucratically-mediated and market-based land reform in South Africa. Paper presented at the 20 years of Democracy in South Africa conference. St Antony’s College and African Studies Centre, Oxford UK, 26 April 2014.
 17. Hall, Ruth (2014) ‘South Africa in Africa: Land and regional agrarian transformations from a BRICS perspective’. International Seminar on Agrarian Transformation, Land and Development in the BRICS’, University of Brasilia, Brasilia, Brazil, 5–7 May 2014.
 18. Hall, Ruth (2014) ‘Large-Scale Land Acquisitions and Responsible Investment in Africa.’ Future Agricultures Conference on the Political Economy of Agricultural Policy in Africa. Overseas Development Institute, London, 24 September 2014.
 19. Hara, M. (2014) *The economic viability of inshore line fish In South Africa*. Presented at the Economic viability of Small-Scale Fisheries in Africa Workshop Oceanic Bay Hotel, Bogamoyo, Tanzania, 23–25 April 2014.
 20. Hara, M. (2014) *Livelihoods Typologies: Olifants Basin*. Presented at the Team leaders meeting, Hoedspruit, 23–25 July 2014.
 21. Hara, M. (2014) *Concepts and Theory for Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries*. Presented at the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Lakeshore areas in Malawi; 4–6 August 2014.
 22. Hara, M. (2014) *Lessons from existing modes of governance in Malawi’s small-scale fisheries*. Presented at the 2nd World Small-scale Fisheries Congress, Merida, Mexico; 21–26 September 2014.
 23. Hara, M. Panellist. ‘Pathways to realising collective tenure rights to natural resources: Experiences of securing rights for small-scale fishermen in South Africa’. Side event held at the Conference on Land Policy in Africa, Addis Ababa, 11–14 November 2014.
 24. Isaacs, Moenieba (2014) ‘The important contribution of fish to food security and nutrition in Africa.’ 5th Korean African Fisheries Forum (KORAFF) in Las Palmas, Spain 16–18 July 2014.
 25. Isaacs, Moenieba (2014) Panellist. ‘Implementation of the FAO, Voluntary Small-scale fisheries guidelines’, 5th Korean African Fisheries Forum (KORAFF) in Las Palmas, Spain 16–18 July 2014.
 26. Isaacs, Moenieba (2014) ‘The impact of business on the human rights of small-scale fishers’. Conference on the Impact of Business on the Human Rights Conference, 26 November 2014.
 27. Miller, D. (2014) ‘Women’s Leadership – a useful or useless concept in post-Apartheid South Africa?’, WASA 10th Anniversary, Rhodes University, 19 March 2014.
 28. Miller, D. (2013) ‘How to change the world: Hobsbawm, Serageldin and languages of the future’, paper and presentation at Democracy 2,

- 10th Anniversary of Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung. Johannesburg, 21 June 2013.
29. Miller, D. (2014) *'Women at the frontline – Struggles over Land in Post-Apartheid Southern Africa'*, The Point of Critique Conference, South African Sociological Association (SASA), NMMU, Port Elizabeth, July 2014.
 30. Ntwana, B.B. and Tapela, B. *'Dealing with moving targets': Water and Sanitation services in the context of Rapid Urbanisation in South Africa* Presented at the 15th WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP Symposium in Lilongwe, 29–31 October 2014.
 31. Ntwana, B., (2014) *'Water Services Delivery as a Key Driver of Social Protests in South Africa'* 15th WaterNet/ WARFSA/GWP-SA Symposium, Golden Peacock Hotel Lilongwe, 29–31 October 2014.
 32. Sibanda, D. and Tapela, B. *'Dealing with moving targets': Water and Sanitation services in the context of Rapid Urbanisation in South Africa.* Presented at the 15th WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP Symposium in Lilongwe, 29–31 October 2014.
 33. Sulle, E. (2014) *'Land Use Change'*, a briefing paper presented at the Forum on Development and Mitigation organised by Mitigation Actions Plans and Scenarios (MAPS) and the University of Cape Town, Cape Town, 27–29 January 2014.
 34. Sulle, E. (2014) *Sugarcane out-growers' scheme: the case of Kilombero Sugar Company Ltd in Tanzania'*, presented at the FAO/PLAAS/ FAC Agricultural Investment, gender and land multistakeholders conference, Stellenbosch, 5–7 March 2014.
 35. Sulle, E. (2014) *'The role of contract farming in agricultural commercialisation: the case of cane growers in Kilombero, Tanzania'*, presented at International Conference on Contract Farming in Africa, Mzumbe University (in collaboration with Institute of Rural Development Planning), Department of Geology and Geography – University Of Copenhagen and Institute of Food and Resource Economics – University of Copenhagen held at the White Sands Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 2–3 October 2014.
 36. Sulle, E. (2014) *'Comprehensive Agricultural commercialization in Tanzania: Comprehensive analysis from 1950 to 2014.'* Paper presented at the Democracy, Land and Liberation in Africa Today: Bridging Past and Present Scholarship – Colloquium in honour of Lionel Cliffe, Cape Town, 20–21 October 2014.
 37. Tapela, B.N. (2014) *'Water Security in South Africa'*. Presented at the Berg River Symposium, held in Paarl (Santé Hotel Resort and Spa) on 4–5 March 2014.
 38. Tapela, B.N. *The State of South Africa's Water Resources.* Panel presentation made at the National Water and Sanitation Summit, held in Johannesburg (Birchwood Hotel) from 1–2 August 2014.
 39. Tapela, B.N. *Strategic Partnerships in Smallholder Irrigation Schemes in Limpopo Province: A Critique of Institutional Arrangements for the 'Recharge' Phase of the RESIS Programme, 2005 to 2008.* Presented at the 15th WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP Symposium in Lilongwe, 29–31 October 2014.
 40. Tapela, B.N. *Water Governance, Traditional Leadership and Gender in South Africa: Decentralisation Options.* Presented at the Water Gender and Development Conference, held in East London, 3–7 November 2014.

SEMINARS

1. Cousins, Ben (2014) *'Assessing land reform in South Africa'*, invited presentation, seminar on land reform, University of Stellenbosch, 19 May 2014.

2. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Rethinking agrarian reform in South Africa', PLAAS seminar, 28 August 2014.
3. Hara, M. (2014) *Efficacy of Rights Based Management of small pelagics within an Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries in South Africa*. SANCOR Seminar, UCT.
4. Moenieba, Isaacs (2014) 'International Significance of the Small-scale Fisheries Voluntary Guidelines', Seminar on Connecting the global instrument to the local fishers – International Guidelines on Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries (with the c), Cape Town, 2 September 2014.
5. Neves, D. (2014) 'Space, markets and rural employment'. Informal Sector Employment Project seminar, University of Cape Town, 1–9 June 2014.
6. Neves, D. (2014) 'Value chains and informal sector employment: Research domains'. Informal Sector Employment Project seminar, University of Cape Town, 19 June 2014.
7. Ntwana, B., (2014) 'Social Protest and Water Service Delivery in South Africa,' PLAAS UWC, PLAAS Boardroom, 7 October 2014.
- African Civil Society Information Service, Johannesburg, 10 October 2014.
4. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Towards agrarian reform in South Africa', presentation to Volkswagen Foundation postdoctoral student forum, University of Cape Town, 11 November 2014.
5. Dubb, A. (2014) 'Out of South Africa: A brief historical review of South Africa's shifting sugar regime,' First meeting of the Southern African Sugar Research network, Economic Management Sciences Boardroom, UWC, 26 February 2014.
6. Dubb, A. (2014) 'The shifting logic of accumulation in the sugar sector in Southern Africa: a heuristic model,' Southern Sugar Research Network Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa, 24–25 November 2014.
7. Hall, Ruth (2014) 'New Land Reform and Farm Worker Policies' Mawubuye Land Rights Forum and CSAAWU union meeting at Robertson Civic Centre, Bo-Dorp, Robertson, 24 May 2014.
8. Hall, Ruth (2014) 'Living Conditions and the Right to Family Life: Insights from Field Research among Farm Dwellers in Limpopo Province' Centre for Rural Legal Studies, Sustainability Institute, Lynedoch Eco-Village, Stellenbosch, 28 May 2014.
9. Hall, Ruth (2014) 'The Land Shall Be Shared Among Those Who Work It.' Public dialogue hosted by the Eastern Cape Socio-Economic Consultative Committee, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, 17 September 2014.
10. Hall, Ruth (2014) 'Recent land policies on state leasing, Recap, 50% for farm workers, ESTA amendment bill, floors and ceilings on landholdings: what does it all add up to?' Presentation to the Surplus People Project workshop, Ritz Hotel, Cape Town, 18 September 2014.
11. Hall, Ruth (2014) 'CASP & Recap: What do they contribute to realising the right to food?' Presentation at the Right to Food Workshop, hosted by Studies in Poverty and Inequality Institute (SPII) and Section 27, Johannesburg, 22 August 2014. 29 September 2014.

WORKSHOPS

1. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Invisible capital: re-thinking the valuation of rural livelihoods', invited presentation, workshop of the DST/NRF Research Chair on Applied Poverty Reduction and Assessment, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, 19 June, 2014.
2. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Defining smallholder farmers in South Africa', presentation to a workshop on Action-Dialogue: opportunities, constraints and innovative approaches in small-scale agriculture in South Africa, Goedgedacht, 6 August 2014.
3. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Rural Land Reform and Traditional Leaders', panel discussion, South

12. Hall, Ruth (2014) *'Beyond State Versus Market: Lionel Cliffe's insights on land redistribution in Kenya and Zimbabwe and their relevance to South Africa.'* Presentation at Democracy, Land and Liberation in Africa Today: Bridging Past and Present Scholarship, a colloquium in honour of Lionel Cliffe, University of Cape Town, 20–21 October 2014.
13. Holness, D., and Neves, D. (2014) *'Resilim, O. Rural livelihoods and vulnerability: Data'*. AWARD Resilim workshop. Hoedspruit, 17 November 2014.
14. Isaacs, M. and Hara, M. (2014) *'Assessing the economic viability of line fisheries in South Africa.'* Small-scale Fisheries Economic Viability Workshop in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, 25 April 2014.
15. Miller, D. (2014) *'What we Eat and Why we Eat it'* Green Leadership School on Climate Change and Development, Stellenbosch, 21–26 September 2014.
16. Neves, D. (2014) *'Food security and inequality in South Africa'*, *Network on inequality (SANI) Provincial Dialogue on Food and Inequality*, Port Elizabeth. 7 October 2014.
17. Neves, D. (2014) *'Input to SAVC livelihood zones (TRT)'*. South Africa Vulnerability Assessment Committee (SAVAC), Johannesburg, 29 October 2014.
18. Neves, D. (2014) *Resilim, O. Rural livelihoods and vulnerability*. AWARD Resilim workshop. Hoedspruit, 17 November 2014.
19. Pointer, R. Young Women Govern-South Africa Project and ActITFem, National Workshop Programme, *Young Women, Feminism & ICTs* (Women's and Gender Studies Department, UWC), 24 June 2014.
20. Pointer, R. Young Women Govern-South Africa Project and ActITFem, National Workshop Programme, *ICT and Popular Education in the face of the Information Revolution*, (Women's and Gender Studies Department, UWC), 24 June 2014.
21. Sulle, E. (2014) *'The role of the state and foreign capital in agricultural commercialisation: the case of Kilombero Sugar Company Ltd in Tanzania.'* presented at the Southern Africa Sugar Network PLAAS, 26–27 February 2014.
22. Sulle, E. (2014): *'PLAAS research projects on large-scale agricultural investments in Africa.'* presentation for the Okavango Community capacity building workshop, Kayova River Lodge, Namibia, 1 April 2014.
23. Sulle, E. (2014) *The politics of inclusive business: The case of sugarcane production in Tanzania*. NRF PhD/Masters student Workshop organised by Prof Ben Cousins, PLAAS, 11 September 2014.
24. Sulle, E. (2014) *A critical analysis of sugarcane production in Kilombero, Tanzania*. Presented at the Southern Sugar Research Network, Johannesburg, South Africa, 24–25 November 2014.
25. Tapela, B.N. *Water Governance and Traditional Leadership in South Africa: Implementation Challenges*. Presented at the DWA/WRC/OECD Workshop on Water Governance, Economic Regulation and Financing, held in Centurion, Pretoria (Protea Hotel) from 25–26th June 2014.

LECTURES

1. Hall, Ruth (2014) 'Exporting dualism? The expansion of South African capital in African farmland deals.' Agrarian Labour Issues in the Global South: Diversity of Farm and Non-farm Rural Work – Agrarian Studies Summer School, Harare, 20–24 January 2014.
2. Hall, Ruth (2014) 'Land Reform: Can't we do better?' Public lecture hosted by the Eastern Cape Socio-Economic Consultative Committee, University of Fort Hare, East London, 4 September 2014.
3. Hall, Ruth (2014) 'The land shall be shared among those who work it.' Public dialogue hosted by the Eastern Cape Socio-Economic Consultative Committee, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, 17 September 2014.
4. Hall, Ruth (2014) 'Narratives of Scarcity: Contesting what is Unsustainable'. Green Leadership School. Onze Rust, Stellenbosch (2 July, 22 September 2014) and via Skype, 5 November 2014.
5. Miller, D. (2014) 'Food Scrambles and Food Struggles – Case Studies of Zambia and Malawi', Agrarian Labour Issues in the Global South: Diversity of Farm and Non-farm Rural Work – Agrarian Studies Summer School, Harare, 20–24 January 2014.
6. Miller, D. (2014) 'Climate change and women's leadership'. Green Leadership School Facilitators Workshop, Stellenbosch, 1–4 July 2014.
7. Miller, D. (2014) 'Green Leadership and Green Politics'. Green Leadership Spring School, Stellenbosch, 21–26 September 2014.
8. Miller, D. (2014) 'Green leadership and green politics – the accumulation versus the dispersion of power' Green Leadership Summer School, 4–7 November 2014.
9. Neves, D. (2014) 'Climate change and food security'. Green Leadership School Facilitators Workshop, Stellenbosch, 2 July 2014.
10. Neves, D. (2014) 'Climate change and food security: In the shadow of structural poverty'. Green Leadership Spring School. Stellenbosch, 21–26 September 2014.
11. Pointer, R. (2014) *Using social media to enhance Green Leadership* Green Leadership School, 3 July 2014.
12. Pointer, R. (2014) Green school workshop: *Enhancing Green Leadership through communications campaigns*, 18 September 2014.
13. Sulle, E. (2014) 'The role of foreign capital in re-shaping sugar industry in Tanzania. The case of Kilombero Sugar Company Ltd out-growers scheme' presented at the Agrarian Studies Summer School, organised by the African Institute for Agrarian Studies (AIAS), Harare, Zimbabwe, 20–24 January 2014.
14. Sulle, E. Guest lecture on Tanzania's nationalisation, ujamaa villagisation and agricultural commercialization, 26 February 2014.

OTHER EVENTS

1. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Land reform in South Africa', presentation to visiting students from Florida Agriculture and Mechanization University, 27 May 2014.
2. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Land Reform and Property Rights', presentation to staff members of Barclays Bank, Cape Town, 30 September 2014.
3. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Inequality and South Africa's stalled land and agrarian transformation', presentation to symposium on *Inequality and Policy Action Dialogue*, Oxfam South Africa, Johannesburg, 29 October 2014.
4. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Job creation in smallholder agriculture: pitfalls and potentials', presentation to a symposium on *Growth and Redistribution – Towards Policy Co-ordination*, REDI 3x3 Project and National Treasury, Pretoria, 6 November 2014.

5. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Towards agrarian reform in South Africa', presentation to Volkswagen Foundation postdoctoral student forum, University of Cape Town, 11 November 2014.
6. Cousins, Ben (2014) 'Engaged scholarship', member of roundtable, NRF Annual Director's Forum for Centres of Excellence, University of the Western Cape, 13 November 2014.
7. Isaacs, Moenieba (2014) 'The implementation of the Small-scale Fisheries Policy Formed' Panel Discussion organised by COSATU. Cosatu house, Salt River, 8 July 2014.
8. Isaacs, Moenieba (2014) 'Oral Histories and Fishing communities', Living More Winelands Municipality, 14 November 2014.
9. Neves, D. (2014) 'Poverty, inequality and food'. (2014). Oxfam Inequality Symposium, Johannesburg, 30 October 2014.
10. Pointer, R. (2014) 'Changing land reform policies in an uncertain political terrain' International webinar: Never mind the research piece! Communicating in policy environments, Politics matters!, 18 March 2014.
4. 2 April: Charles Rethman, freelance with South African Vulnerability Assessment Committee. 'Applying a Household Economy Approach to understand food security and vulnerability in South Africa'.
5. 17 April: Michela Marcatelli, PhD Student in Development Studies, International Institute of Social Studies. 'Water service delivery in rural South Africa'.
6. 24 April: Prof Andries du Toit and David Neves, PLAAS. 'The Government of Poverty and the Arts of Survival: Mobile and recombinant strategies at the margins of the South African economy'.
7. 12 June: Elizabeth Harrison, postgraduate researcher from the Sustainability Research Institute at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom 'Progressing Community-Based Natural Resource Management in Southern Africa'.
8. 26 June: Pieter Wasserfall, Associate Member of the Actuarial Society of South Africa and a Chartered Enterprise Risk Actuary. 'How PICSA is leveraging financial services to improve the living conditions of South Africa's farm workers'.
9. 10 July: Kate Meagher, Associate Professor, Department of International Development, London School of Economics. 'The scramble for Africans: Globalisation, demography and informal labour markets'.

Seminars

1. 30 January: Melanie Sommerville, PhD candidate, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. 'Finance, land reform and agrarian transformation in Canada and South Africa'.
2. 20 February: Dr Laura Pereira, Postdoctoral research fellow, University of Cape Town. 'Orphan crop innovation for transforming the food system'.
3. 20 March: Prof William Beinart, Professor of Race Relations and Director of Graduate Studies at the African Studies Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford. 'African Local Knowledge and Livestock Health: Diseases and Treatments in South Africa'.
10. 24 July: Dr Stephanie Swanepoel, freelance researcher, writer and editor. 'A constricted agricultural system: cartels, collusion and corporate farming'.
11. 23 September: Prof Hans P. Binswanger-Mkhize, Department of Agricultural Economics of the University of Pretoria. 'The Status and Prospects for Land Reform in South Africa'.
12. 7 October: Bukiwe Ntwana, PLAAS Research Intern. 'Social protests and water service delivery in South Africa'.
13. 14 October: Dr Susan Levine, School of African and Gender Studies, Anthropology and Linguistics, University of Cape Town. 'After the strikes: The feminisation of poverty on farms in the Boland'.

14. 22 October: Associate Professor Dzodzi Tsikata, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana. 'The Social Relations of Agrarian Change in Sub-Saharan Africa: Debates and Policy Questions'.
15. 28 October: Dr Janice Desire Busingye, Makerere University, Uganda. 'Negotiating Survival Strategies: Uganda's smallholder farmers speak out'.
16. 4 November: Leann Cloete-Beets and Andrew Partridge, Senior Economists, Western Cape Department of Agriculture. 'The Real Cost of a Carbon Tax – Estimating the Impact of South Africa's Carbon Tax on Western Cape Agriculture'.
17. 11 November: Prof Flora Hajdu, Division of Rural Development, Department for Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. 'Does raising maize yields lead to poverty reduction? The case of South Africa's Massive Food Production Programme'.
18. 26 November: Prof Blessings Chinsinga, Centre for Social Research and Department of Political and Administrative Studies (PAS), Chancellor College, University of Malawi "In subsidies we trust but not always": Transient political incentives in designing and implementing Malawi's Farm Input Subsidy Programme (FISP)'.



'Implications of public and private agricultural investments for rural livelihoods, gender relations and social differentiation'

EVENTS

Special seminar:
Academy of Science
of South Africa (AS-
SAf) Distinguished
Visiting Scholar –
Changing patterns of
food production and
consumption in the
world and in Africa.

14 FEB

Agricultural
Investment, Gender
and Land in Africa
– Towards inclusive,
equitable and socially
responsible invest-
ment Cape Town,
South Africa.

5-7 MAR

International
Seminar on
Agrarian
Transformations,
Land and
Development in the
BRICS countries.

5-6 MAY

Launch of the
High Level Panel
of Experts
(HLPE) report
– Sustainable
fisheries and
aquaculture for
food security and
nutrition.

13 JUNE

Green School
Facilitators
Workshop,
Onze Rus,
Stellenbosch.

1-4 JULY

26-27 FEB

Inaugural Meeting of
the Southern African
Sugar Research
network.

30 APRIL

'A Critical Response
to Government's
Farm Worker
Proposals on
Strengthening the
Relative Rights of
People Working
the Land.' Meeting
of farm worker
trade unions and
committees, with
the Food and Allied
Workers' Union,
hosted by PLAAS.

15 MAY

Launch of
a handbook
for fishing
communities.

16 JUNE

Colloquium on lone
mothers, social
security and dignity
in South Africa.

8-10 JULY

International
Conference: Green
Economy in the
South – Negotiating
Environmental
Governance,
Prosperity and
Development,
University of
Dodoma, Tanzania.

Action-Dialogue: opportunities, constraints and innovative approaches in small-scale agriculture in South Africa, Goedgedacht Training Centre.

6-8 AUG

11-12 AUG

Making agricultural investment work for Africa: A parliamentarian's response to the land rush.

Seminar on Connecting the global instrument to the local fishers – International Guidelines on Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries (with the World Forum of Fisher People).

2 SEP

22-26 SEP

Spring Green School, La Provence Stellenbosch.

Democracy, Land and Liberation in Africa Today: Bridging Past and Present Scholarship, a colloquium in honour of Lionel Cliffe, University of Cape Town (with Centre for African Studies, UCT).

20-21 OCT

4-7 NOV

Summer Green Leadership School 2014, Coffee Bay, Eastern Cape.

Southern African Sugar Research Network meeting, Johannesburg.

24-25 NOV

TEACHING

Postgraduate Programme

The Postgraduate Programme was established in 2001, offering three unique post-graduate programmes within the areas of poverty, land and agrarian studies. Our researchers are experts in the fields of poverty, inequality and vulnerability;

land; fisheries; water and natural resources rights; farming; agro-food systems and agrarian reform; and the social dimensions of fisheries and ecosystem management; and provide invaluable support to the Masters and PhD programmes.

The tables below are our registrations and graduations over a period of five years:

REGISTRATIONS

PROGRAMME	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTALS
PG Diploma	16	13	26	19	16	90
MPhil Coursework	11	4	5	8	0	28
MPhil Research	4	0	0	1	0	5
PhD	4	1	0	5	3	13

GRADUATIONS

PROGRAMME	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTALS
PG Diploma	15	18	7	14	13	67
MPhil Coursework	5	2	1	2	6	16
MPhil Research	0	0	1	2	0	3
PhD	1	1	1	0	2	5

Postgraduate Diploma Programme

The Postgraduate Diploma in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies programme is aimed at professionals who are working in the field of land and agrarian reform, rural development, natural resources and gender. The student profile varies from government officials, to employees of NGOs, and to those in the private sector.

Structured teaching takes place over two three-week block sessions, in February and July. Attendance of the block sessions is compulsory. Each module comprises of a pre-contact assignment, structured teaching and a post-contact assignment (long essay). All modules are compulsory.

THE MODULES OFFERED ARE:

LAS711: Structural Poverty and Marginalised Livelihoods in Southern African Agro-Food Systems

LAS712: The Political Economy of Land and Agrarian Reform in Southern Africa

LAS713: The Economics of Farming and Food Systems

LAS714: The Social and Ecological Dimensions of Ecosystem Management

PG DIPLOMA PROGRAMME RESULTS FOR 2014: ACHIEVEMENTS PER MODULE

MODULE	NO. OF STUDENTS	PASS RATE
LAS711	23	52%
LAS712	19	58%
LAS713	15	87%
LAS714	17	65%

STUDENT FEEDBACK

A general teaching programme evaluation was distributed at the end of the last teaching block session. Below are excerpts from the evaluation:

- The programme highlighted where the current world challenges, be they political, social or economic, come from. It helped me to look at life from a broader perspective. It increased my level of thinking.
- Very knowledgeable lecturers; well-constructed lessons; good selection of

readings; well-designed assessment system.

- Provides very insightful and current perspective on topics taught.
- The content and workload is rigorous and stretches one's capacity to deal with the work to your limit.
- Most of the theory explained how and why certain things happen in our daily life experiences and was mind opening in the sense that one could understand and come up with strategies to employ in the field.

Research Programmes

PLAAS's research is situated within the field of applied social sciences and development fields. The Masters and PhD programmes are aimed at the training and development of a new cadre of

social sciences. The table below lists the research graduates for 2014, which we celebrated in March and September.

RESEARCH GRADUATES FOR 2014

STUDENT	DEGREE	THESIS TITLE
Rosalie Kingwill	PhD	The Map is not the Territory: Law and Custom in 'African Freehold': A South African Case Study. <i>Supervised by Professor Ben Cousins</i>
Nerhene Davis	PhD	Inclusive business models in South Africa's land reform: Great expectations and ambiguous outcomes in the Moletele land claim, Limpopo. <i>Supervised by Professor Ben Cousins</i>
Thokozile Buthelezi	MPhil	Pro-poor Value Chain Governance in the Mtateni Irrigation Scheme at Tugela Ferry, Msinga, KwaZulu-Natal. <i>Supervised by Professor Ben Cousins</i>
Emmanuel Ndivhuho Ranwedzi	MPhil	The Potential and Limits of the Pro-Active Land Acquisition Strategy: Land Reform Implementation in Gauteng Province of South Africa. <i>Supervised by Professor Ruth Hall</i>
Sithandiwe Yeni	MPhil	Ideologies and Discourses Underpinning Paradigms of Small-Scale Farmer Development: A Critical Analysis of State and Non-Governmental Extension Support Programmes in uPhongola, KwaZulu-Natal. <i>Supervised by Professor Ruth Hall</i>
Tapiwa Kupara	MPhil	Understanding human dimensions of ecosystem approach to fisheries management: The case of fish processing workers in the hake sector in Saldanha. <i>Supervised by Professor Moenieba Isaacs</i>
Kupembona Theodor Muduva	MPhil	Grazing rights in the communal areas of a post-independent Namibia: A case study of a grazing dispute in Western Kavango region. <i>Supervised by Professor Andries Du Toit</i>
Richard Lumumba Odenda	MPhil (cum laude)	Large-scale land acquisition in Kenya: Yala Swamp case study of Kenya's land governance system and actual practices. <i>Supervised by Professor Ruth Hall</i>

Scholarships

Over the past nine years, PLAAS has been privileged to receive support from the Belgian Government, through the Representation of the Belgian Development Agency (BTC), for student scholarships. These scholarships cover tuition fees,

travel and subsistence, and fieldwork costs. PLAAS acknowledges this invaluable support provided. PLAAS received approximately R1.9 million to support fifteen Postgraduate Diploma students and seven MPhil students.



Photo: David Neves



'The challenges facing small-scale farmers in accessing commercial markets and the potential for partnerships with corporates'

Teaching, Supervision and Examinations

PLAAS researchers undertake teaching on our Post-Graduate courses and on courses at other universities. They also supervise thesis

students at Masters and PhD level. In addition, from time-to-time they are asked to be external examiners of theses from other institutions.

Emeritus Professor Ben Cousins

COURSES TAUGHT

LAS713

The Economics of Farming and Food Systems, PLAAS, UWC

MPHIL SUPERVISION

1. Pretty Maluka, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. 'Rural livelihoods and agricultural production in smallholder irrigation schemes: The case of Hoxane irrigation scheme in Bushbuckridge area of Mpumalanga province'.
2. Thulisile Msomi, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. 'Smallholder organic farming for supermarkets: the case of the Ezemvelo Farmer's Co-operative, KwaZulu-Natal'.
3. Bulisani Ncube, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. 'Livelihoods and production in smallholder irrigation schemes: the case of New Forest Irrigation Scheme in Mpumalanga Province'.
4. Michael Ochieng Odhiambo, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. 'Community land tenure in Kenya: giving content to customary property rights.

PHD SUPERVISION

1. Amelia Genis, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. 'Uncertain expectations: Commercial farmers in South Africa in an era of rapid social, political and economic change'.
2. Donna Hornby, PhD, Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. 'Social differentiation and class dynamics in the Commercial Land Reform Farmer Support Programme in KwaZulu-Natal'.
3. Tshililo Manenzhe, PhD, Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. 'Strategic Partnerships in the Levubu Valley: Agrarian change and the fate of farm workers'.
4. Farai Mtero, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. 'Smallholders and social differentiation in the Massive Food Production Programme in the Eastern Cape, South Africa'.
5. Pauline Stanford, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. 'Agro-food commodity chains, scale of production and the sustainability of commercial farming in Mpendle District in South Africa'.

EXAMINATIONS

1. PhD, Department of Sociology, University of Stellenbosch.
2. PhD, PLAAS, University of the Western Cape.
3. PhD, Institute of Development Studies, University of Zimbabwe.
4. PhD Environmental and Geographical Sciences, University of Cape Town.
5. MPhil mini-thesis, PLAAS, University of the Western Cape.
6. MPhil mini-thesis, PLAAS, University of the Western Cape.
7. MPhil, Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand.

Professor Andries du Toit

COURSES TAUGHT

LAS 711

Structural Poverty and Marginalised Livelihoods in Southern African Agro-Food Systems, PLAAS, UWC

PHD SUPERVISION

1. Tarminda Kaur, PhD, Public Administration, UWC. Sporting lives and the development agenda: A critical analysis of sport and development in farm worker communities of the Cape Winelands.
2. Mngqobi Ngubane, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. Investigating the impacts of 'pro-smallholder' rural industrialisation and agro-food industrial dispersal on the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in KwaZulu-Natal.
3. Adetola Okunlola, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. Supporting Smallholders into Commercial Agriculture: Commodity Associations, Smallholder Farmers and power within the Production Network.

MASTERS SUPERVISION

1. Tshepo Fokane, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. (Re) constructed communities within land reform.
2. Elna Hirschfeld MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. Review of the Community Experience of the Community Private Partnership Land Intervention Business Model – A Restitution Beneficiary Community Case Study Analysis.
3. Tembisa Siyo-Pepeteka, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. Comprehensive Rural Development Programme as a Vehicle for Enhancing Stakeholder Participation in Rural Governance: A Case Study of Dysselsdorp in the Western Cape Province, South Africa.

Associate Professor Ruth Hall

PHD SUPERVISION

1. Emmanuel Sulle, PhD, Land and Agrarian Studies, PLAAS, UWC. The Politics in Inclusive Business Models in Agricultural Investments: The Case of Sugarcane Production in Kilombero, Tanzania.

MASTERS SUPERVISION

1. Prisca Mandimika, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, PLAAS, UWC. The Assessment of Namibia's Land Redistribution Programme: A Case Study of Steinhausen Constituency – Omaheke Region.

EXAMINATIONS

1. Masters in Sociology, Rhodes University.
2. Masters in Anthropology, University of Witwatersrand.
3. MPhil in Human Rights Law, University of Cape Town.

Associate Professor Mafaniso Hara

COURSES TAUGHT

1. Postgraduate Diploma in Integrated Water Resources Management, Faculty of Science, UWC. Module WAT 709: Managing complex organisations.
2. **LAS714**
Social and Ecological Dimensions of Ecosystems Management, PLAAS, UWC.

PHD SUPERVISION

1. Letson Yoyola Phiri, DPhil in Fisheries Management, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Analysis of women's involvement in fisheries value chain governance in Malawi.

MASTERS SUPERVISION

1. Gugu Njokweni, Masters in Agriculture Economics, Stellenbosch University. Institutional and organisational arrangement for consumer oriented community based aquaculture in South Africa.
2. Melvin Swarts, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, PLAAS, UWC. Institutions for sustainable utilisation of ephemeral wetlands in communal areas: Case study of Leliefontein Communal Area, Namaqualand.

EXAMINATIONS

1. MPhil in Development studies, Department of Sociology, UCT.
2. MPhil in Environment, Society and Sustainability, Department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences, UCT.
3. MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, PLAAS, UWC.

Associate Professor Moenieba Isaacs

COURSES TAUGHT

LAS: 714

Social and Ecological Dimensions of Ecosystem Management

POST-DOC SUPERVISION

1. Marie Minnaar-McDonald
2. Samantha Williams

PHD SUPERVISION

1. Tracey Dennis, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. Changing voices: Tracking the oral history of small-scale fishing in the Overberg over the last 50 years.
2. Horacio Gervasio, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. Social and economic study on livelihood response to poverty and vulnerability in Small-Scale Fisheries: Case study of commercial and subsistence fishers – Mozambique.
3. Karin Nandoo, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. An investigation of how the industrialisation of fishing altered the livelihood strategies of small-scale fishermen in coastal communities in the Western Cape.

MASTERS SUPERVISION

1. Asella David, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, PLAAS, UWC. Commercialisation of communal land: A review of the Owambo Mangetti farm block, Oshikoto region.
2. Pasipanodya Mubaiwa, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, PLAAS, UWC. Assessing the role played by informal traders within the snoek value chain in selected townships in Cape Town, South Africa.
3. Grace Nkomo, MA in Development Studies, Institute for Development Studies, UWC. Fish in the life of Kalk Bay – examining how fisheries policies are affecting the access to fish for the food security of the fishing community of Kalk Bay.

EXAMINATIONS

1. PhD, Environmental Evaluation Unit, University of Cape Town.
2. MPhil, PLAAS, UWC.

Dr Barbara Tapela

PHD SUPERVISION

1. Darlington Sibanda, PhD in Public Administration, University of the Western Cape. 'Urban Land Tenure, Tenancy and Water and Sanitation Services Delivery in South Africa'.

MASTERS SUPERVISION

1. Chenai Murata, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, PLAAS, UWC. An Examination of Land Institutions, Tenure Security and Land Exchange in Communal Arable Lands: Case Studies of three Former Homeland Villages of Lutengele, Sirhosheni and Mbekweni, Eastern Cape, South Africa.
2. Daudi Saidi, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, PLAAS, UWC. Rural Livelihoods and Women's Access to Land: A Case Study of the Katuli Area, Mangochi District, Malawi.

3. Innocent Shayamano, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, PLAAS, UWC. Trajectory from Government-Managed to Farmer-Managed Smallholder Irrigation and its Effects on Productivity, Operation and Maintenance: An Analysis of Ngezi Mamina Smallholder Irrigation Scheme in Zimbabwe.

EXAMINATIONS

1. MSocSc in Global Studies, Sociology Department, University of Cape Town.
2. MA, Geography and Environmental Studies Department, University of Stellenbosch.
3. MSocSc, Sociology Department, Rhodes University.

David Neves

EXAMINATION

1. MA Development Studies, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.



'Socioeconomic change underway in South African countryside that influences the outcomes and impacts of land and agrarian reform'

Photo: Mngqobi Ngubane

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Planning the way forward for future policy engagements and communications.

with the Pan African Parliament and presentations to the South African Parliament, to conferences and workshops, media engagements, circulating publications, regularly updating our website and sharing on social media, as well as helping academics find the latest research to supplement their own work. In addition, the information brokers team supports policy analysis and media analysis work, so that researchers can speak strategically to ever-changing social and political dynamics.

Policy engagement at PLAAS is informed by an over-arching strategy, as well as specific strategies for particular research projects. The unit hosted a Policy Engagement Workshop in March 2014, where the team and researchers planned the way forward for future policy engagements and communications work.

Led by Lesego Loate, the Policy Engagement team provided input into various research projects to

A dedicated team of information brokers support researchers in disseminating knowledge in various formats, ranging from interactions

create and implement policy engagement plans, both within PLAAS and with partners such as the Ruzivo Trust in Zimbabwe; to collaborate with NGOs such as Trust for Community Outreach and Education (TCOE), the Environmental Monitoring Group (EMG), the Water Caucus Western Cape, and the South African Network on Inequality (SANI). In addition, Lesego Loate attended the C20 Summit in June 2014 in Melbourne, Australia, on behalf of SANI and South African civil society.

In addition to the many policy and community engagements undertaken both by the unit and by researchers in the course of 2014, the unit has also sought to amplify all the work done at PLAAS, by using the Web and social media to bring attention to our work, and also the work of partners, whether it be publications produced by ourselves and others, or events that we live Tweet and promote through mainstream media. PLAAS has a growing footprint both in the mainstream media terrain and the social media terrain, contributing to a broad reach for all our research communications work. With our popular news and bibliography service, managed by both our communications and library staff, we also share and extend the impact of similar work by other organisations. Our library staff also makes sure that, by maintaining archives, the work is available on an ongoing basis.

It is hoped that in future we will make available, not only the research outputs but also the databases of important quantitative research done at PLAAS. The unit is also

moving towards more analytical work around research communications, with media and framing research also forming part of the package of research at PLAAS.

Projects

A RURAL RESEARCH AND INFORMATION-SHARING NETWORK

Led by Lesego Loate, this two-year project seeks to support processes of rural change aimed at promoting an equitable, democratic and inclusive countryside for South Africa. It aims to do this by providing research and information services that can facilitate a process of learning through experience and sharing innovation. The specific outcomes aimed at by the project are to ensure that role players and stakeholders in South African civil society have access to quality information and analysis about trends relating to poverty, social justice, human rights and rural transformation, and that citizens and civil society organisations in rural areas have opportunities to analyse and reflect on change, share innovation and explore the strategic implications for their own plans and actions. The project runs from 2012 to 2014.

FUNDER: THE ATLANTIC PHILANTHROPIES (AP)

Communication impacts

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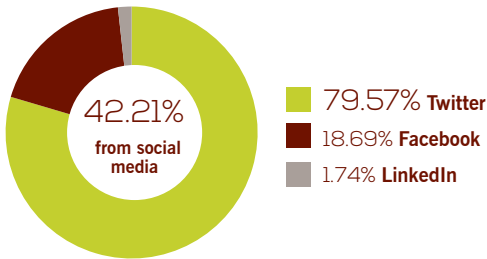


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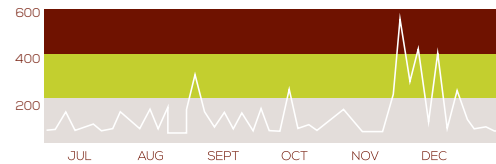
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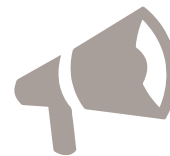
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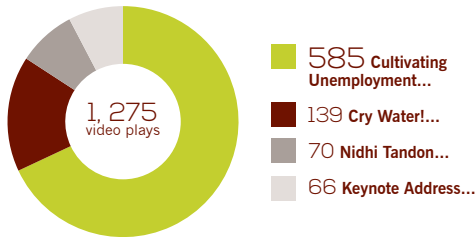
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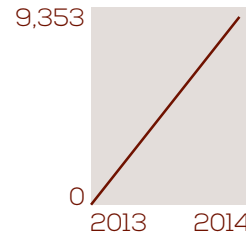


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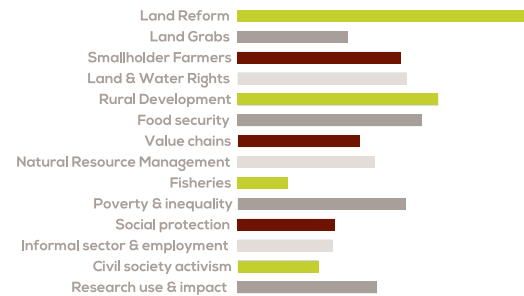
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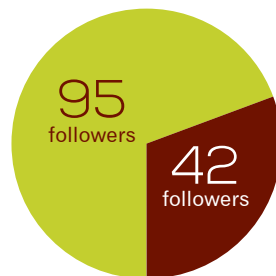


Top 3 mailing lists

Land Reform: 530
Rural Development: 209
Food Security: 195

LINKEDIN

LinkedIn
followers
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Policy Engagement Activities

SUBMISSIONS

1. Hall, Ruth and Cousins, Ben. 'Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Bill', Western Cape Provincial Legislature, February 2014.
2. Hall, Ruth. State Land Lease and Disposal Policy. PLAAS Position Paper. Submitted to National Land Tenure Summit hosted by the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform. Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg, 4–6 September 2014.
3. Hall, Ruth. ESTA Amendment Bill. PLAAS Position Paper. Submitted to National Land Tenure Summit hosted by the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform. Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg, 4–6 September 2014.
4. Hall, Ruth and Du Toit, Andries. Strengthening the Relative Rights of People Working the Land. PLAAS Position Paper. Submitted to National Land Tenure Summit hosted by the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform. Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg, 4–6 September 2014.
5. Cousins, Ben. 'Rural Land Reform and Traditional Leaders', panel discussion, South African Civil Society Information Service, Johannesburg, 29 September 2014.
6. Cousins, Ben. 'Inequality and South Africa's stalled land and agrarian transformation', presentation to symposium on *Inequality and Policy Action Dialogue*, Oxfam South Africa, Johannesburg, 29 October 2014.
7. Cousins, Ben. 'Job creation in smallholder agriculture: pitfalls and potentials', presentation to a symposium on *Growth and Redistribution – Towards Policy Co-ordination*, REDI 3x3 Project and National Treasury, Pretoria, 6 November 2014.
8. Du Toit, A. Participation in NEPAD/CAADP meeting on Organising Agriculture Policy institutions and experts for enhanced knowledge and information support to CAADP implementation; Mount Grace, Magaliesberg, 7–9 April 2014.
9. Greenberg, Stephen. 'Transforming Agriculture,' Land Reform, Agriculture and Rural Development in South Africa: A Policy training programme for Parliamentarians, Ekurhuleni, 25–26 September 2014.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Cousins, Ben. 'Defining smallholder farmers in South Africa', presentation to a workshop, *Action-Dialogue: opportunities, constraints and innovative approaches in small-scale agriculture in South Africa*, Goedgedacht, 6 August 2014.
2. Cousins, Ben. 'Communal Property Associations Policy', discussant at National Land Tenure Summit, 5 September 2014.
3. Cousins, Ben. 'Transforming agriculture', presentation to training workshop for parliamentarians, Johannesburg, 25 September 2014.
4. Cousins, Ben. 'Rural Land Reform and Traditional Leaders', panel discussion, South African Civil Society Information Service, Johannesburg, 29 September 2014.
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8. Greenberg, Stephen. 'Transforming Agriculture,' Land Reform, Agriculture and Rural Development in South Africa: A Policy training programme for Parliamentarians, Ekurhuleni, 25–26 September 2014.
9. Hall, Ruth. Oral submission on the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Bill 2014. Parliamentary Hearings, National Assembly. 29 January 2014.
10. Hall, Ruth. Respondent to South African Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe. 20 Years of Democracy in South Africa conference. St Antony's College and African Studies Centre, Oxford, United Kingdom, 25 April 2014.
11. Hall, Ruth and Kepe, Thembela. The Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy in the Eastern

- Cape: Research Findings from Cacadu District. Presentation to Minister Gugile Nkwinti, Deputy Minister Mcebidi Skwatsha, Director-General Mduduzi Shabane and Deputy Director-General Masiphula Mbongwa. Director-General's office, Plein Street, Cape Town (and via video-conference to Pretoria), 21 July 2014.
12. Hall, Ruth. 'Perspectives on Land Grabs and Land-based Investment.' Presentation to Making Agricultural Investment Work for Africa: A Parliamentarian's Response to the Land Rush. Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF), Pan African Parliament, Midrand, Johannesburg, 11–12 August 2014.
 13. Hall, Ruth and Cousins, Ben. Ministerial Think Tank Meeting, Ministry of Rural Development and Land Reform. O.R. Tambo Protea Hotel, 29 August 2014.
 14. Hall, Ruth. 'A Critical Assessment of the Policy Proposals on Strengthening the Relative Rights of People Working the Land.' Discussant response to the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, Congress of South African Trade Unions, 29 August 2014.
 15. Hall, Ruth. Land Tenure Security in Commercial Farming Areas.' Presentation at Land Tenure Summit, Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg, 5 September 2014.
 16. Hall, Ruth. 'Towards a national minimum wage: what do we know about wages and employment in agriculture?' Presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Labour, National Assembly, 12 September 2014.
 17. Hall, Ruth. 'Land Redistribution.' Presentation at Short Course on Land Reform, Agriculture and Rural Development in South Africa: Policy Training Course for Parliamentarians. O.R. Tambo Protea Hotel, Johannesburg, 25–26 September 2014.
 18. Hall, Ruth. 'Farm Dwellers.' Presentation at Short Course on Land Reform, Agriculture and Rural Development in South Africa: Policy Training Course for Parliamentarians. Parliamentary training. O.R. Tambo Protea Hotel, Johannesburg, 25–26 September 2014.
 19. Hall, Ruth. Moderator, e-discussion on Youth and Land Policy in Africa, convened by Young People in Agriculture and Rural Development (YPARD) for the Land Policy Initiative of the African Union, African Development Bank and UN Economic Commission for Africa, 4–8 November 2014.
 20. Hara, Mafaniso. Efficacy of rights-based management of small pelagics within an ecosystems approach to fisheries in South Africa. Small Pelagic Scientific Working Group Meeting. DAFF, Cape Town, 23 July 2014.
 21. Ntwana, B. 'Land tenure and tenancy and water service delivery: Case studies of De Doorns and Sebokeng', presented at a Land Tenure and Tenancy and Water Service Delivery Workshop. Institute for Poverty Land And Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, 24 April 2014.
 22. Ntwana, B. 'Impact of Water Management Devices on Low Income Communities in Cape Town'. Western Cape Water Caucus Meeting. Weltevreden Recreation Centre Rocklands. Mitchells Plain, Cape Town, 28 May 2014.
 23. Sulle, E. 'Community-investor partnership: the case of sugarcane production in Tanzania,' at the Pan African Parliamentarians and SADC Parliamentarians Forum workshop on 'Making Agricultural Investment Work for Africa: a parliamentarian's response to the land rush' held at the Pan African Parliament, Midrand, South Africa, 11–12 August 2014.
 24. Tapela, B. Berg River Symposium 2014, held at Santé Hotel Resort and Spa, Paarl, 4–5 March 2014.

25. Tapela, B. Meeting between the Chairperson of the Phongolo Dam Recreational Water User Association (WUA) and Senior Officials of the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) KZN-Regional Office, held in Durban, 14 March 2014.
26. Tapela, B. 'Struggles for Access to Water and Fisheries in Phongola/Jozini Dam: Case of Ntlalavini Village, Sizabantu Fishers and *AbaThengi BoFish* Fish-sellers'. Video presentation at a Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) meeting to discuss issues of contested access rights with the Chairperson of the Phongolo Dam Recreational Water User Association (WUA), Durban DWS Regional Office, 14 March 2014.
27. Tapela, B. Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)/Water Research Commission (WRC)/ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Policy Dialogue Workshop on Water Governance, Economic Regulation and Financing held at Protea Hotel, Centurion, Pretoria, 25–26 June 2014.
28. Tapela, B. and Ntwana, B. National Water and Sanitation Summit held at Birchwood Hotel, Boksburg, Johannesburg, 1–2 August 2014.
29. Tapela, B. Phalaborwa Catchment Management Forum (CMF) Meeting, held at Cajori Hotel, Phalaborwa, 4 August 2014.

PLAAS in the news

TELEVISION INTERVIEWS

Andries du Toit

1. Documentary on BRICS and poverty, *Kusey Haber Ajansi*, TRT-Turk, 25 November 2014.

Ruth Hall

1. Chantal Rutter, ANN7 News Channel, 24 June 2014.
2. Joanne Joseph, eNCA News Channel, 25 June 2014.
3. Dan Moyane, eNCA News Channel, 2 July 2014.
4. Penny Peppia, eNCA News Channel, 22 July 2014 (gave verbal and written advice on a series of documentary features on land in South Africa over two months).
5. Chantal Rutter, ANN7 News Channel, 24 July 2014.

David Neves

1. ENCA E-TV news. ENCA, 24 February 2014.

RADIO INTERVIEWS

Ben Cousins

1. *SABC Channel Africa*, 'Land redistribution in South Africa, 4 February 2014.
2. *Radio 786*, Cape Town, 'Land reform and food production in South Africa', 10 February 2014.
3. 'Afternoon Talk', *SAFM radio*, 'Lessons from Zimbabwe's land reform', 3 March 2014.
4. *Cape Talk Radio*, Cape Town, 'New proposals for farm workers', 23 June 2014.
5. *Forum after 8*, *SAFM*, 'Was the land stolen?', 30 June 2014.
6. *Valley FM*, Worcester, 'Strengthening relative rights policy', 9 September 2014.

7. *Radio 702*, 'Land invasions in urban areas', 12 November 2014.

Andries du Toit

1. Voice of the Cape, Interview on farm worker policies, 4 June 2014.
2. *The Talkshop with Masechaba Mtolo*, 14 July 2014.
3. *Valley FM*, Interview with Vuyo Mrashulo on farm worker policies, 12 August 2014.

Ruth Hall

1. *Cape Talk 567*, John Maytham, 24 February 2014.
2. *702 Talk Radio*, Stephen Grootes, 26 February 2014.
3. *Classic FM Business*, Michael Avery, 8 April 2014.
4. *Swedish Radio*, Maria Sjöqvist, 9 April 2014 (pre-recorded).
5. *Channel Africa*, Benjamin Moshatana, 16 April 2014 (panellist with Economic Freedom Fighters and Freedom Front Plus).
6. *Cape Talk 567*, John Maytham, 28 May 2014.
7. *Bush Radio*, Andile Mbanjwa, 5 June 2014.
8. *Radio Sonder Grense*, Isak du Plessis, 23 June 2014.
9. *Eye Witness News (Cape Talk and Kfm)*, Carmel Loggenberg, 23 June 2014.
10. *Business Day*, Franny Rabkin, 23 June 2014.
11. *Business Day*, Setumo Stone, 23 June 2014.
12. *North West FM*, Thabiso Moss, 23 June 2014.
13. *Cape Talk 567*, John Maytham, 23 June 2014.
14. *North West FM*, Thabiso Moss, 23 June 2014.
15. *Classic FM*, Michael Avery, 24 June 2014.
16. *Valley FM*, Vuyo Mrashula, 24 June 2014.
17. *Power FM*, Thabiso Mdluli, 25 June 2014.
18. *Radio 702*, John Robbie, 1 July 2014.

19. *Power FM*, 1 July 2014.
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21. *Cape Talk 567*, John Maytham, 24 July 2014.
22. *Voice of America*, Gillian Parker, 28 July 2014.
23. *Radio 702*, Steven Grootes, 20 August 2014.
24. *Cape Talk 567*, John Maytham, 8 September 2014.
25. *Voice of Wits*, Swanki Mafoko, 16 September 2014.
26. *Cape Talk 567*, John Maytham, 3 November 2014.
27. *Radio Sonder Grense*, Isak du Plessis, 19 November 2014.

Moenieba Isaacs

1. *SAFM*, after eight debates on the line fishing allocation rights, January 2014.
2. *Radio Sonder Grense*, host Lynette Francis 9h00-12h00. Outside broadcast on fisheries rights allocations and transformation in the fishing industry, Somerset, March 2014.
3. *Radio 786 Evening show*, 21h30 – 23h00, host Ashraf Ryklief on the Small-scale fisheries and rights allocation process, March 2014.
4. *Voice of the Cape*, morning drive show for five minutes discussing the rights allocation process, April 2014.
5. *Radio 786 Morning show*, discussing rights allocations, April 2014.
6. *Cape Talk 567*, John Maythem on rights allocation process, April 2014.
7. *Cape Talk 567*, Kieno Kammies on rights allocation process, May 2014.
8. *Radio 786*, afternoon show on the launch of Small-scale fisheries community handbook, May 2014.
9. *Bush Radio*, afternoon show, on the launch of Small-scale fisheries community handbook, May 2014.

10. *Smile FM*, afternoon show on the launch of Small-scale fisheries community handbook, May 2014.
11. *Radio 786*, Launch of the UN CFS food security report, June 2014.
12. *Radio 786*, Launch of Operation Phakisa, October 2014.

David Neves

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PRINT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Ben Cousins

1. Warda Meyer, *Cape Argus*, (18 February 2014) 'Fears over land bills'
2. Susan Comrie, *African Decisions* magazine, (3 March 2014) 'Rural development and land reform in South Africa.'
3. Rofhiwa Maneta, *Life Magazine*, (4 March 2014) 'Land reform in South Africa'.
4. Setumo Stone, *Business Day*, (24 June 2014) 'Youth co-operative to build rural assets'.
5. Janet Heard, *Natal Witness*, (1 July 2014) 'More land claims time'.
6. Janet Heard, *City Press*, (2 July) 'Government 'heeded cries' with land act – Gugile Nkwinti'.

Andries du Toit and Ruth Hall

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Cyriaque Hakizimana

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Ruth Hall

1. Maryna Lampbrecht, *Beeld*, (23 January 2014). 'A Mal(a) land claim?'
2. Troye Lund, *Financial Times*, (13 February 2014). 'Land Bill to benefit a select few'.
3. Colleen Dardagan, *The Mercury* (28 February 2014) 'New land claims deadline 'costly''.
4. Colleen Dardagan, *The Mercury* (8 April 2014) 'Uproar over plan to share farm land'.
5. Paul Vecchiatto, *Business Day* (17 April 2014) 'Farm equity proposal is 'smoke and mirrors''.
6. *Farmer's Weekly* (2 May 2014), 'Illogical' and 'mathematically inept'
7. Marianne Merten, *Independent Newspaper*, 5 June 2014.
8. Horatio Muchuri, *The Sowetan*, 10 June 2014.
9. Setumo Stone, 'No obstacles' to state reopening its land restitution programme', *Business Day*, (23 June 2014).
10. Fred Pearce, *New Scientist* (26 June 2014).
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12. Daneel Knoetze, *Ground Up* (22 July 2014). South Africa: lifelong farm tenants evicted. Published 6 August 2014.
13. Philda Essop, *Netwerk 24* (11 August 2014). Grond: Kenners waarsku oor wet – Kan tot lang hofstryd lei.
14. Claire Bissek, *Financial Mail* (4 August 2014).
15. Denene Erasmus, *Farmer's Weekly*, 18 August 2014. Land reform proposal a snub to the NDP.
16. Linda Ensor, *Business Day Live*, 15 September 2014. Minimum wage 'does not kill farm jobs'.
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18. Bekezela Phakathi and Paul Vecchiatto, *Business Day Live* (8 October 2014). Unions warn of farm invasions.

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20. Colleen Dardagan, *Natal Witness* (5 December 2014). 'Farmers offer to give up 20% of land'.
6. *Campus news* (June 2014), UN food security, fisheries report: PLAAS congratulates Professor Isaacs.

Moenieba Isaacs

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2. Tariq Toffa, URB.im (17 February 2014), Food security in coastal cities.
3. *Cape Times* (16 May 2014), Reporting on the launch of small-scale fisheries community handbook.
4. *Financial Mail*, Mandy De Waal, Profile.
5. *Muslim Views*, New fisheries policy to impact on 162 fishing industry communities (June 2014).

Barbara Tapela

1. Sheree Bega, *Saturday Star* (4 January 2014). Anger overflows; much of it about water.
2. Sheree Bega, *Saturday Star* (13 January 2014) Water 'could become a trigger for service delivery protests'.
3. Mandy De Waal, 'South Africa's Water Wars', *Ground Up* (4 February 2014).
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

		2014 -13.20%	2013 -7.32%	2012 56.25%
INCOME	NOTE	17 019 597,05	19 607 161,81	21 156 097,87
Atlantic Philanthropies		–	1 131 179,22	1 000 000,00
Austrian Development Agency		1 384 246,94	2 800 217,18	2 773 541,32
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)		4 377 131,53	5 008 091,62	2 714 053,97
European Union		628 096,28	3 870,00	3 064 358,14
FinMark Trust		–	–	135 296,20
Ford Foundation		–	1 592 033,86	–
Institute of Development Studies (IDS)		2 070 093,92	1 909 871,15	1 722 871,65
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)		103 034,77	–	–
International Development Research Centre (IDRC)		–	–	135 296,20
Mellon Foundation		–	–	2 651 425,00
Other Income (Recovery of overhead & other expenses)	4	(37 273,26)	351 411,50	794 016,00
Omidyar Network		728 828,67		
Oxford University (Lone Mothers)		121 425,38	–	561 920,83
Rhodes University (Water Research Commission project co-ordinator)		–	580 475,00	192 760,00
Rosa Luxemburg Foundation		919 503,30	320 000,00	
SA Government (Dept of Agriculture)		275 724,29	–	–
SA Government (National Research Foundation Chair)	2	2 380 473,36	2 478 852,66	2 821 222,65
SA Government (Water Research Commission)		652 500,00	654 445,60	537 825,00
Sundry Small Grants		543 270,82	356 907,25	562 628,11
The Belgian Government		2 251 444,98	2 263 452,83	1 406 321,00
United Nations (FAO)		367 551,00		
University of the Western Cape training subsidy	1	253 545,07	81 150,96	82 561,80
Volkswagen Foundation		–	75 202,98	–
		4.83%	27.77%	9.43%

EXPENDITURE		19 385 879,07	18 492 808,23	14 473 656,82
Personnel Costs		6 940 079,28	6 573 476,19	5 647 032,08
Operational Costs	1	459 375,01	477 090,52	432 619,95
Staff Development		–	–	–
Organisational Support		–	–	262 334,67
Equipment and Rental		137 280,46	104 305,65	106 792,03
Research Costs		3 673 965,70	3 473 415,16	1 214 602,47
National Research Foundation (NRF) Research Costs	2	1 593 160,28	1 796 947,33	2 175 372,79
Teaching and Training	2	2 164 540,84	2 013 679,42	1 985 415,20
Resource Centre		5 560,09	46 597,70	1 416,33
Dissemination		316 492,36	236 885,48	340 088,60
Travel and Accommodation		4 095 425,05	3 770 410,78	2 307 982,70

OPENING BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		13 934 592,59	12 437 304,16	5 883 604,11
Inter-entity transfers		–	–	–
Prior year adjustments	3	127 681,00	382 934,85	(128 741,00)
Net movements for the year		(2 366 282,02)	1 114 353,58	6 682 441,05
Surplus for the year		11 695 991,57	13 934 592,59	12 437 304,16

CHANGE IN REPORTING				
Income Adjustment (Overhead Recovery)		4 128 447,63	6 452 986,48	1 462 234,57
Expense Adjustment (Organisational Support)		-1 543 022,02	-1 759 208,24	-1 462 234,57
Expense Adjustment (Personnel Costs)		-2 585 425,61	-4 693 778,24	
Nett Impact on Financial Statements		0,00	0,00	0,00

NOTES

1. Include UWC funding as Operational expense in Total expenses. This relates to post graduate training. The expense amount is reflected as income.
2. Include NRF Chair and Research Grant expenditure and refund of accruals.
3. Adjust prior year adjustments with Annuity payments for the year.
4. Prior Year's overhead recovery reversed and endowment payment still outstanding.

MEMBERSHIPS

EMERITUS PROFESSOR BEN COUSINS

Editorial Boards

1. Journal of Agrarian Change
2. Conservation and Society
3. Afriche e Orienti

Other positions held

1. Member of Advisory Council of 'Community Land Titling' project of the International Development Law Organisation and Namati
2. Member of the Board of the National Research Foundation of South Africa
3. Chairperson, Reference Group for Mining and rural Transformation in Southern Africa (MARTISA) Project, Sociology of Work Programme (SWOP), University of the Witwatersrand
4. Member, Board of Sociology of Work Programme (SWOP), University of the Witwatersrand
5. Member, Carnegie 3 Initiative on Strategies to Reduce Poverty and Inequality
6. Member of co-ordinating committee, BRICS Initiatives in Critical Agrarian Studies (BICAS) initiative

PROFESSOR ANDRIES DU TOIT

Editorial Boards

International Advisory Board, Journal of Peasant Studies

UWC Institutional roles

Exco Member, Economic and Management Sciences faculty

Other positions held

1. Management Team Member, DST/NRF National Centre of Excellence on Food Security
2. Trustee, ManKind Project of South Africa

CYRIAQUE HAKIZIMANA

Network co-ordination

Co-ordinator, Young African Researchers in Agriculture Network

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR RUTH HALL

Journal editorial role

International Advisory Board, Journal of Peasant Studies

Coordinating/convening roles

1. Co-convenor, Land Deal Politics Initiative
2. Co-convenor, BRICS Initiative in Critical Agrarian Studies
3. Coordinator, Land Theme, Future Agricultures Consortium

4. Coordinator, Southern Africa regional hub, Future Agricultures Consortium

Other positions held

1. Reviewer: Danish Research Foundation (2014)
2. Assessor: Promotions Committee, Agricultural Economics, University of Ghana (2014)
3. Expert Reviewer: Finnish National Research Foundation (2014)
4. Expert Reviewer: 'Innovation in Agricultural and Food Systems for Food Security' programme, Swiss National Science Foundation (2014)
5. Reviewer: Netherlands Research Foundation (2014)
6. Reviewer: China-Africa programme, United Kingdom Department for International Development and Economic and Social Research Council (2014)
7. Reviewer: South African National Research Foundation (2014)
8. Reviewer: International Land Coalition Strategic Framework (2014)
9. Member: African Union Commission's Scientific Committee on Land Policy in Africa (2014).

UWC Institutional roles

1. Member, Research and Study Leave Committee, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
2. Member, UWC Book Award Committee, UWC

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MAFANISO HARA

Editorial Boards

Maritime Studies (MAST) Journal

Other positions

1. Member of Small Pelagic Resource Management Working Group, Government of South Africa
2. Member of South African Sociological Association (SASA)
3. Member of WaterNet
4. Member of the South African Network for Coastal and Oceanic Research (SANCOR)
5. Member of the International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET)
6. Member of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC)
7. Member of the Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management Society (AEHMS)
8. Member of the Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research's (IMBER) Human Dimension Working Group since 2010
9. Member Korean African Fisheries Forum (KORAFF) since August 2010
10. Member of PescaDOLUS research team on 'seeking innovative solutions to address transnational organised fisheries crime'
11. Member International Association of Common Property (IASC) since 2000.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MOENIEBA ISAACS

Professional Committees

1. Steering Committee – Small-scale fisheries international conference, September 2014, Mexico
2. Steering Committee of the Too Big To Ignore (TBTI) small-scale fisheries research network
3. African coordinator of the TBTI small-scale fisheries research network

4. Southern African Marine Science (SAMSS) 2014 Steering Committee
5. Advisory member of the Global Ocean Commission, 2013–2014
6. Steering committee member of South African Network for Coastal and Oceanic Research (SANCOR) 2012–2014
7. Co-Chair (social scientist) of the Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem
8. Fisheries International Expert, Korean Maritime Institute, since 2012.

DR DARLENE MILLER

Editorial Board

Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Southern Africa Studies (JSAS)

Professional Committees

South African Sociological Association (SASA)

DAVID NEVES

Professional Committees

1. Member of Technical Resource Team (TRT), South Africa Vulnerability Assessment Committee

(SAVAC), Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries.

2. Peer Review reference group member. Strategic Review of the 'Ford Foundation Expanding Livelihood Opportunities for Poor Households (ELOPHI) and BESOL programmes in South Africa and Mozambique, Ford Foundation.

DR BARBARA TAPELA

Journal editorial

Guest Editor for 'Water and Society' Theme (2014), WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP Special Issue, Physics and Chemistry of the Earth Journal (published by Elsevier Science Ltd.)

Other positions held

1. Member of the Global Water Partnership (GWP)
2. Member of the Southern African Water Network (WATERNET)
3. Member of the African Water Equity Network
4. Member of various Water Research Commission (WRC) Reference Groups
5. Member of the Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa (REDISA) Board of Governors

AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

- Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Commission Science and Technology Programme
- Africa Unit for Transdisciplinary Health Research (AUTHOR), North West University African Centre for Biosafety (ACB)
- African Centre for the City (ACC)
- African Food Security Network (AFSUN)
- Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)
- Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP)
- Carnegie 3 Initiative on Strategies to Reduce Poverty and Inequality, University of Cape Town
- Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD), University of Pretoria
- Centre for Law and Society, University of Cape Town
- Centre for Social Research, University of Malawi
- Centre for Social Research, University of Zimbabwe
- College of Humanities and Development Studies (CHDS), China Agriculture University, Beijing
- Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development, University of Pretoria
- Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), South Africa
- Department of Biological Sciences, University of Zimbabwe
- Depart of Fisheries, Malawi
- Department of Ichthyology, Rhodes University
- Department of Microbiology and Plant Pathology, University of Pretoria
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Stellenbosch
- Environmental Evaluation Unit (EEU), University of Cape Town
- European Union
- Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil
- Future Agriculture Consortium
- Innovative Fisheries Management, Aalborg University, Denmark
- Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex
- Institute for Food Nutrition and Well-Being (IFNUW), University of Pretoria
- Institute for Small-scale Fisheries (IDDPE), Mozambique
- International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague
- Labour and Enterprise Policy Research Group, University of Cape Town
- Land Deal Politics Initiative
- LandNet Malawi
- Land Policy Initiative
- Legal Resources Centre
- Masifundise Development Trust
- Mdukutshani Rural Development Programme, Msinga
- Namibia Legal Assistance Centre
- NEPAD Fisheries Unit
- Norwegian University of Life Sciences
- Okavango Research Centre, University of Botswana
- Pan African Parliament
- Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods in Small-scale Fisheries (POVFISH)

- Programme to Support Pro-Poor Policy Development
- Rosa Luxemburg Foundation
- Ruzivo Trust
- School for Development Studies, Birmingham University
- School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape
- South African Network on Inequality (SANI)
- South African Water Caucus
- Southern Africa Food Lab, Stellenbosch University
- Too Big To Ignore (TBIT), Memorial University, Canada
- Transnational Institute (TNI)
- Trust for Community Outreach and Education (TCOE)
- Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil
- Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil
- University of Dar es Salaam
- Water Research Commission
- Well-being among Fisherfolks in Africa Research (WELFARE)
- World Forum of Fisher People
- Zambia Land Alliance



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